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# Likud and Tsomet agree to Gesher's demands

SARAH HONIG

THE Likud-Tsomet-Gesher deal will be signed at midday today in the Knesset, after the three partners spent most of yesterday in

The deal is expected to be approved by the Likud central comnittee next week.

The impasse was finally broken when Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu personally mediated between Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan and Gesher's David Levy. that Iran is financing the group. He convinced Eitan to drop his opposition to Levy's being named acting prime minister should the Likud win the elections.

erential treatment in appoint- about it." ments to Knesset committees.

randum of understanding Gesher had put together with the Likud Thursday morning was the final deal. He warned that if the Likud backed out, then the blame for the failure to unite the national camp would fall upon it.

Since the differences were seen as nothing but demands by Levy for an ego massage. Netanyahu personally appealed to Eitan, who was warmly lauded for sacrificing his own interest for the good of the joint ticket.

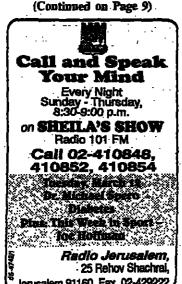
Eitan had already yielded the second slot on the ticket to Levy. There was considerable chagrin in Tsomet since the polls promised it at least three times as many Knesset seats as Gesher.

Levy, his prestige demands satisfied, had no problems compromising on the parliamentary influence his faction would have.

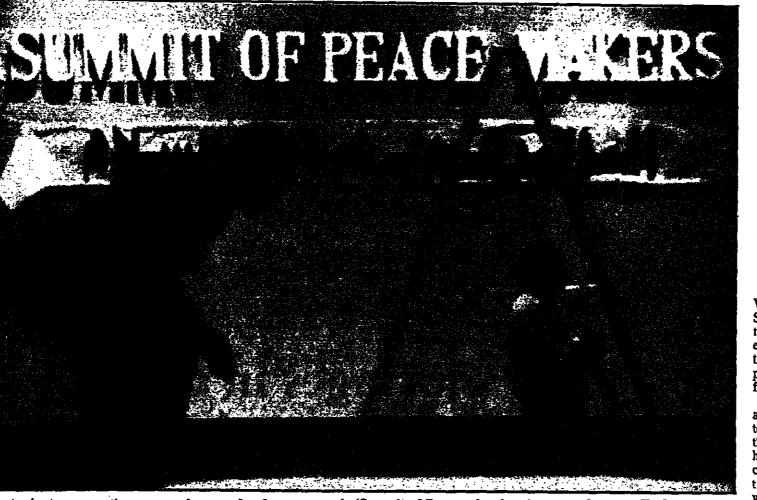
Despite the fact that the impasse was close to a solution. Levy continued to studiously avoid Netanyahu.

The concessions Levy appeared to win are far from meaningful. If the Likud wins the elections, all he would end up with would be the gavel at cabinet sessions when the prime minister is

It is thought that neither Tsomet nor Gesher really had any choice but to stay wedded to the Likud. Having accepted Netanyahu's candidacy for prime minister, as well as slots on the Likud







Last-minute preparations are made yesterday for tomorrow's 'Summit of Peacemakers' gathering in Sharm e-Sheikh.

# Hizbullah: We receive financial and political support from Iran

FOR the first time, Hizbullah leader Sheik Hassan Nasraliah has acknowledged publicly

"We don't hide Iranian support. There is no need to deny that we receive financial and political support from Iran," Nasrallah declared in an interview that appeared yesterday In return, Eitan was assured in the London-based weekly Al Wasar. "We that Tsomet would receive pref- are not shy and they [Iranians] are not afraid

Meanwhile, Prime minister Shimon Peres Despite the pressure exerted told the Labor Knesset faction that "there is on him, Levy refused to budge actual physical pressure by Iran on Hizbullah from his position that the memo- to intensify its activities. There is physical

pressure on Islamic Jihad as well to be more

In the interview, Nasrallah said that Hizbullah fighters may spread their war on Israeli forces in south Lebanon to other areas.

"The confrontation with the Israeli outside the land where it [Israel] exists has not taken place until now, but I cannot guarantee the future because it is linked to the intensity of the struggle," he said. "A time may come in which Israel forces us to fight it in every land." Nasrallah also confirmed that Syria is facili- plies, Nasrallah added.

tating Hizbullah's arms supplies through routes in northern and eastern Lebanon.

He said that since Hizbullah was founded in 1982 following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Syria has provided the party with "a political cover, moral support, and field

"Syrian forces are stationed in the Bekaa and the north. These two areas constituted the background of support for resistance fighters in occupied areas," he said.

"Of course, Syria didn't give us money. It has supported us and facilitated" arms sup-

# Summit aims to push peace process on, says Mubarak

LIAT COLLINS, HILLEL KUTTLER, and news agencies

WORLD leaders gathering in Sharm e-Sheikh tomorrow for the "Summit of Peacemakers" will be asked to recommit themselves to the Middle East peace process and to pledge to fight the forces opposed to it.

President Hosni Mubarak, arriving in the Sinai resort town yesterday, told reporters that the summit "will discuss how to move the peace process ahead ... in the shadow of the terrorist operations, which are blocking it."

Asked if he expected specific recommendations, he said: "I hope so, otherwise the peace process will reach a deadlock and we will reach a

hell of a problem."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told reporters the Sharm e-Sheikh conference "will deliver a message to the world that we will not permit terror to kill peace. Terror can kill a person; terror can't kill an idea.

Israel Television last night reported that the draft communique for the summit includes five

pledges:

The summit participants support the Middle East peace process and believe it will bring a just and durable peace.

 The participants are concerned by the recent wave of terror and

condemn all forms of terror. • The summit will stand firm against terror.

• The participants will increase cooperation between governments and police and security forces against terror.

• The participants will seek international agreement to bring and enforce legal actions against

Peres told the Labor Party faction the conference should produce results, since funding, arms, and training for terror groups comes from abroad and foreign countries provide a safe haven for terrorists. He said an international intelligence network could be established as the answer to the terror network.

Describing the conference as "a very impressive show of solidarity with Israel," Peres said: "The aim is to show that just as terror has no borders, so the struggle against it can't stop at borders. This is a practical coalition against one of the most difficult phenomena which we have ever had to deal with.

"I never thought the peace process would be a picnic," he said, but repeated his belief that a comprehensive peace could be achieved by 2000 "if we stand

The conference was subjected to sarcastic condemnation during the Likud Knesset faction meeting. Faction chairman Moshe Katsav suggested Peres send his campaign adviser Moshe Teomim to US President Clinton to get advice on how to get media cov-

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# Lubrani: Syrian no-show at summit proves it's not anti-terror

ISRAEL has always known that Hizbullah is financed, trained, and armed by Iran, Uri Lubrani, the government's coordinator on Lebanon, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"Now along comes [Hizbullah leader] Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah and confirms this loud and clear. He goes even further by declaring that Syria is also directly involved, by permitting the logistics of this Iranian effort to pass through its territory," said Lubrani.

"He is admitting that Iran is behind Hizbullah and that, in essence, Hizbullah is serving as an extension of Iran's efforts to subvert, if not to kill, the peace process. He also admits that Syria is fully in the know and is aiding

and abetting these efforts." Lubrani said he did not know if **DAVID RUDGE** 

there was any connection between Nasrallah's disclosures and the international anti-terror summit scheduled to be held in Sharm e-Sheikh tomorrow.

"This is something you should ask Nasrallah himself. In my opinion though, there is a unequivocal indication that Hizbullah has made a decision to call a spade a spade. They are now openly confirming this Iranian and Syrian connection, which is behind all terrorist activity directed against Israel from Lebanon."

He reiterated that Hizbullah is terrorist organization and not a Lebanese resistance movement. "We have always said that Hizbullah's claim that it is fighting a resistance war is a sham. Nasrallah has now made this clear.

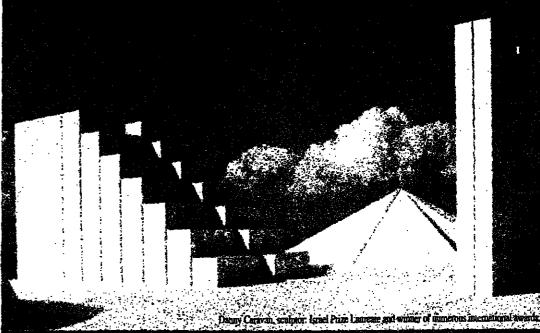
"Hizbullah is acting at the behest of the leaders in Teheran, and is fully committed to acting against the peace process. Syria, for its part, has always been playing a double game and this is also

made clear now." Lubrani said Syria's non-participation in the Sharm e-Sheikh conference is in itself a sign that "Syria does not belong to the countries

which are against terror." Nasrallah's disclosures were made in an interview with the London-based weekly Al-Wasat. He was also quoted as saying that Hizbullah might take the confrontation with Israel outside the

present boundaries. "There is a clear threat in this, but I'm not impressed. We are not going to refrain from acting in self-defense because of threats,"

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IDF orders expulsion of all Gaza students from West Bank ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JON IMMANUEL

OC Central Command Maj .-Gen. Ilan Biran has ordered all Gazans currently studying at West Bank colleges and universities to immediately report to civil liaison offices to be transported back to the Gaza Strip.

Biran issued the order last night, saying anyone who does not comply will be considered illegal and faces "all possible

Students from the Gaza Strip have made up the major core group of Hamas activists on Palestinian campuses in the West Bank, Biran said. The IDF has closed at least six colleges linked with Hamas in Judea and Samaria, and military sources said there are "a few hundred" Gazan students currently living in the West Bank who are not considered illegal.

The army has also demanded that the Palestinian Authority expel Gazan students currently in areas under its control, but so far they have declined to do so, a military source said. The recently uncovered Hamas

terror cell at the Teachers' Training College in Ramallah was organized by a Gaza resident, who is still at large. The cell was responsible for both suicide attacks on the No. 18 buses in Jerusalem on February 25 and March 3, as well as the Ashkelon bombing.

The IDF, meanwhile, has compensated 20 families in Burka for damage done to their houses while it blew up the house of a suicide bomber.

Compensation ranges from NIS 300-NIS 1000 for cracks and broken windows. The owner of the neighboring house, which was with that of the Sharabuni family, whose son blew up bus No.18 last week, is negotiating a rental agreement until a new house can be built at Israel's expense.

Palestinians have condemned tive punishment.

Clinton praises terror victims' families in US

ON the eve of his trip to Egypt for the anti-terrorism summit, President Bill Clinton paid homage yesterday to the families of two of terrorism's recent victims.

"I thank them for their incalculable sacrifice, and for their continued devotion to the integrity and freedom of Israel," Clinton said to the families of Alisa Flatow and Sara Duker, who died in separate terror attacks in Israel.

Clinton was at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, New Jersey, to deliver his first major speech on the environment in the 1996 campaign.

Before the speech, Steve Flatow, Alisa's father, said, "I am tired of hearing about the peace almost totally destroyed along process. We are losing sight of the victims."

Flatow said he would tell the president, in a brief meeting after the speech, to put pressure on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat "until he elimithe house demolitions as collec- nates Hamas and Islamic Jihad." Marilyn Henry

Lebanon

fighting

continues

DAVID RUDGE HEAVAX fighting continued in

south Lebanon yesterday, as Staff-Sgt. Erez David, 19, of Caesarea, killed in Sunday's roadside bomb blast in the Security zone, was laid to rest in Condenses. Expect an intensification for altacks by Hizbuilah, Amal, and Palestinian rejectionist groups in light of tomorrow's international anti-terror conference in Sharm e-Sheikh.

Of the four soldiers who were

Of the four soldiers who were

wounded in the same incident,

Yevgenny Robstein is still in very

critical condition in the neuro-

surgery intensive care unit of Haifa's Rambam Hospital. He

was the driver of the command car

that was blown apart.

Hospital director Prof. Moshe
Revach said another soldier is in

serious but stable condition after

undergoing extensive surgery for abdominal injuries. He said the

other two soldiers are improving

after undergoing surgery for

shrappel wounds to their arms.

Five other soldiers who were

wounded in a similar Hizbullah

roadside bomb trap last Monday --

in which four of their comrades

were killed - are still being treat-

Revach said two of them are

still in serious condition suffering

from brain injuries, and the other

three are making good progress.

Yesterday's fighting broke out

TURKEY and Israel are coordinating policy on combatting terrorism in advance of the Sharm e-Sheikh conference.

Turkish President Suleyman Demirel, who flew in yesterday for a four-day state visit, con-ferred with Prime Minister Shimon Peres for over an hour last night at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, handing him a list of suggestions on the subject of ter-

Peres suggested that the foreign ministers of both countries confer on the points raised when they meet today, a source said.

The discussion also covered a wide range of other issues including regional water problems and bilateral relations. No specific mention was made of Turkey's fight against the PKK, the Kurdish terror group, but Israel is not willing to change its traditional position of nonintervention on this point, the source said.

Peres also raised the role of Iran as a threat to regional peace, and Demirel and his advisers were reportedly in agreement on this

Peres flatly denied reports of involvement in Turkey's water disputes.
"We have no intention of inter-

fering in the water issue between Turkey and Syria," Peres reportedly told Demirel. Water should be viewed as an economic resource for Turkey, which could supply large areas of

the region, Peres said. Demirel said he hoped that Turkey would be able to provide Israel with 150 million cubic meters of water within two years. As for a pipeline, Peres suggested that the water experts sit down

and discuss the feasibility.

engineer by profession, had met with his old friend, former water commissioner Aharon Wiener. Peres and Demirel both

expressed their pleasure at the progress made in bilateral economic, tourism, and academic ties, subjects which will be included in the four agreements to be signed at Beit Hanassi on Thursday at the conclusion of the visit. Trade between the two countries doubled in the past year to some \$450 million. Speaking at Beit Hanassi soon

after his arrival. Demirel called on Lebanon and Syria to join in the Middle East peace process and roundly condemned terror.

These are turbulent times. Terrorist attacks are a threat to the stability in the region," he said. "We are opposed to all forms of terror and back peace in the region ... We strongly condemn the recent attacks."

The Turkish people also shared the Israelis' "outrage and grief" at the assassination of Yitzhak Rahin. Demirel said. As a result of this, his state visit originally scheduled for November had been postponed until now.

Demirel noted that there are many similarities between the two countries, which form a solid basis for cooperation between them for the benefit of the entire

President Ezer Weizman, who welcomed Demirel, thanked him for coming here "in these troubled days." Noting how relations with Ankara had warmed since the state's early days, Weizman said that the ties seemed to be following the weather: "In the morning, it was cloudy, but now the sun is

Last night, Weizman hosted a



The father of Shaker Sharahni, 2, mourns at his grave yesterday. The child died on Saturday en route from their home in Kalkilya to a hospital in Tulkarm after delays caused by roadblocks.. (Khaled Zighari)

# Food shortages in Gaza not as serious as claimed

GOVERNMENT coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor was misquoted when speaking to the cabinet on Sunday of "near starvation," spokesman said yesterday.

"The situation is difficult to serious. But the situation could reach that and then we will be under pressure to do something," spokesman Shlomo Dror said, adding that it is better to find a way to avoid that pressure. Yesterday, Palestinians reported

that flour has been diverted from UNRWA stores to ordinary shops. Bakers said they were rationing pita bread at 25 per family per day. while rice and other grains are also running short in shops. Yet perishables, like dairy products largely imported from Israel, are still available, if dwindling, and vegetables, grown in Gaza, are in good supply.

are blaming Hamas for the closure. One Palestinian poll puts the

number of opponents of the suicide bombings at 95% - but that could easily drop if the closure is prolonged and human suffering increases. PA officials are already calling the closure "collective punishment," implying that it has no real security value.

"Not one legal worker has ever been accused of carrying out an attack in Israel," PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said at the opening of the Palestinian Council last week. Other delegates there complained of "humiliations."

However, Shaath overlooks the factor of human error, which has allowed suicide bombers to get through when legal workers or even just goods are transferred from Gazan to Israeli trucks. Shaath demanded that if the

Gaza-Israel border points are closed, then at least the Gaza-Egypt crossings should be opened.

But Dror noted that wanted fugitives have managed to penetrate regular border controls and weapons could come through with

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that he hoped Israel would be called on to ease the closure at the anti-terrorism conference in Sharm e-Sheikh.

However, the problem is not just what comes out of Gaza, but what goes in. Military sources say the old

Egyptian mines dug up in Sinai and used by suicide bombers may have been brought into Israel directly across the long, unfenced desert border with Egypt and then taken to Gaza, where they were made into bombs.

But the problem of keeping terrorists out while letting legitimate workers in must be resolved. Medicines aren't really a problem small easily checked amounts, and they are being allowed through, despite reports of shortages, Dror

But tragedies occur. A two-month-old baby from Kalkilya, Shaker Sharahni, died on Saturday on his way to the hospital in Tulkarm, 15 kilometers away. His parents were stopped for 90 minutes at the exit from Kalkilya and then 60 minutes at the entrance to Tulkarm during a brief lull in the closure on West Bank towns and

"There was a lack of coordination. Most ambulances get through," said Peter Lerner, the spokesman for the civil adminis-

The IDF issued a statement expressing sorrow for the infant's death, but noted that ambulances do have to be detained and checked because, in the past, they have been used to transfer

as it did the day before with a 7 a.m. mortar barrage, this time by Amal, against IDF and SLA posibecause they can be handled in tions in the Barasheet and Beir Yahoun areas in the western sector of the zone. There were no casual-

ed in Rambam.

ties, and IDF and SLA gunners responded by hitting suspected terrorist targets north of the zone with artillery and tank fire. IAF helicopter gunships were also in action and came under RPG and light weapons fire, but were not

Later in the morning, Hizbullah gunmen opened fire at IDF and SLA posts in the Beaufort Castle and Al Tahr hill range regions with mortars, anti-tank missiles, and machine guns. Again there were no casualties, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, IDF bulldozers knocked down the olive groves where the fatal roadside bomb was planted in Kila village, a few hundred meters from the Fatmah crossing point near Metulla. Widespread searches continued for the perpetrators of Sunday's attack and the one last Monday. Lebanese radio stations reported that IDF troops were carrying out intensive house-to-house searches in Huleh, a Shi'ite village in the zone, apparently in a hunt for col-

# IDF continues roundup of Hamas activists **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

raids in Palestinian villages vesterday, and arrested 29 Hamas activists in a sweep that has so far

Police, who have arrested some of

the top Izzadin Kassam leaders on

Israel's most-wanted list, the

activists Israel is capturing are

mostly low-level field operatives.

Nevertheless, the army is proud

netted more than 200 suspects. "The mission is to apprehend Hamas activists wherever they are in Judea and Samaria," said a battalion commander whose forces captured over a dozen Hamas sus-

pects near Bethlehem. "We'll be in every village. Wherever Hamas activists are hiding, we'll get to them. We are only at the beginning," said Lt.-Col. Effy. But unlike the Palestinian

of its actions and keen on showing journalists how it is hunting down Hamas and Islamic Jihad mili-

> In the early dawn, a battalion of combat engineers in full battle gear, their grey berets replaced with helmets, moved into Husan, near Bethlehem.

Instead of the mnezzin calling villagers to morning prayers, a Border Police jeep rolled slowly through the silent streets blasting "Curfew, stay indoors" from its

Under the headlights of an army jeep, Lt. Reuven, a wiry bearded 22-year-old company commander, examined a list of wanted Hamas activists slated for arrest. He scratched their names

off, as his troops brought in the suspects, blindfolded and hand-

> As the sun rose over Bethlehem, some six kilometers to the east, he led a squad to a cement house on the outskirts of the village. Six soldiers took up positions around the house. They charged, closely followed by half a dozen television crews, knocking laundry off lines as they ran.

The soldiers banged on the door and moved in to arrest another Hamas suspect. Lt. Reuven led a sleepy, unshaven man from the house to be handed over for inter-

rogation.
"Slowly, slowly the list is fill-

# Knesset rushes to clear shelf before election recess

Among the bills which passed

There were more MKs around for the vote on the first reading of three basic laws. The debate pitted religious MKs against Meretz. The three new basic laws are legal rights, freedom of expression and association, and social rights.

overrule religious legislation, (Meretz), whose party fervently supports them, refused to accept the no-confidence motion, saying it should have been filed two

lages near Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, and Ramallah, the IDF weapons and inflammatory material. At least three villages were placed under curfew. Israel lifted the closure in Judea and Samaria for 12 hours yesterday starting at 6 a.m. to allow Palestinians to stock up on food. The move will allow Palestinians to move from village to village, but it will still ban them from entering Israel, the

Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, government coordinator in the territories, had warned the cabinet that the week-long curfew would have to be eased to release the pressure of limited food supplies.

# CORRECTION

RONIT Lorch, whose photograph appeared on the front page of Sunday's paper, was participating in a memorial for the bus bombing victims, not in a politically sponsored event, as printed.

# 213 Israelis killed since Oslo

PALESTINIANS attacks of Israelis have killed 213 people since the September 1993 Oslo accords, compared with 99 in the same amount of time before the accords, according to Peace

Fatal attacks dropped from 80 to 74, of which Hamas has perpetrated 37 and Islamic Jihad 10. The Popular and Democratic Fronts committed most of the others. Fatah has has stopped attacks since mid-1974. The number of Palestinians killed in clashes with the IDF has dropped steadily in each six-month period since Oslo, from more than 60 to 11.

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# Suicide bombers launched from Gaza, says Peres

<sup>an</sup> Leat Collins THE General Security Service has discovered that the recent Hamas attacks were deliberately launched Minister Shimon Peres said yes-

from Area B villages, over which Israel has overriding responsibility, so as not to implicate the Palestinian Authority, Prime terday. Peres, speaking at a Labor Knesset faction meeting, said the Hamas operators worked from

Gaza, using students in Judea and Samaria to recruit potential suicide bombers from Area B villages. The recent suicide bombers were dressed as soldiers and the explosives used were land mines removed from the Gaza Strip or

According to Peres, Israel's strategy for dealing with terror can be broken down into three main categories: actions by Israel, such as the closure, curfews, demolishing terrorists' homes, detentions, and separation measures; actions

by the Palestinian Authority, such as arresting and disarming Hamas members; and mobilizing world support. .

Peres came out strongly in favor of the demolition of terrorists' homes. "In fact, we have no choice but to make the father responsible for the son and to tell the father that if someone from, your house goes out to commit a suicide [attack], don't think just he will go to paradise. Your house is in danger. It will be sealed; it will

He rejected opposition claims that he is using the police and security forces for his own purposes. "The police don't belong to a party; the army doesn't belong to a party; and the GSS doesn't belong

He compared the situation in Israel to that in France and Britain where terror attacks and the response to them are considered to be matters beyond political con-

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# **SHOSHANA**

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המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

THE family of Yihye Ayyash, "the Engineer," yesterday peti-tioned the High Court of Justice against the demolition of his house, as the court continued hearing a series of petitions by teriorists' families against the

Ayyash family petitions

against home destruction

**EVELYN GORDON** 

destruction of their homes.

Meanwhile, the state told the court that Mohiadin Sharif, who gave suicide bomber Sufiyan Jabarin the explosives he used to blow up the No. 26 bus in Jerusalem last August, is a "tick-ing bomb" who is still actively recruiting additional suicide bombers.

The court was hearing a petition by Sharif's family against the demolition of their house in Beit

It also yesterday began hearing a petition by family of Abed el-Majid Dudin, who recruited Jabarin, against the destruction of

The previous day, the court had heard petitions from the Jabarin family, the family of Labib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing in July; and the family of liman Seedar of Abn Dis. who recented Seedar of Abu Dis, who recruited secon of Aon Dis. Who territed the terrorists responsible for two attacks in late 1994, the shooting attack in Jerusalem's Nahalat Sinva neighborhood and the Suicide bombing opposite Binyanei Ha uma in Jerusalem.

Three other petitions must still be heard, before the court issues be treated more leniently than the its ruing on all eight. One from

the family of Ibrahim Sarahna, who committed the Ashkelon suicide attack two weeks ago; one from the family of Majid Abu Warda, who committed the first No. 18 bus bombing in Jerusalem; and the one from Ayyash's family.

The Ayyash petition, filed by Ayyash's uncle, Ibrahim, charged that the army's usual argument that demolishing his family's house is the only way to deter a suicide bomber, who has no qualms about losing his life — does not apply in this case. Ayyash's "liquidation," allegedly at Israel's hands, was sufficient to send a deterrent message, the

petition argued. The petition also argued that Ayyash never lived in the family residence in Rafat, near Tulkarm, because it was built at around the time he was put on the wanted list and went into hiding.

Justices Gavriel Bach, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Dorner spent some four hours hearing the Sharif family's petition. Even before the state's

announcement about the continu-

ing dangers posed by Sharif, however, the court appeared skeptical of attorney Lea Tsemel's arguments. They rejected Tsemel's claim that Sharif, because he had committed no attacks himself, should

ing up," he said.
Similar raids took place in vil-

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset yesterday held a legislative marathon in an attempt to clear the backlog of bills before the pre-election recess scheduled to begin on Sunday.

second and third reading, was one reducing the ban on showing candidates on national television from 30 days before the elections

Religious MKs, who fear they would be used by the courts to

demanded a no-confidence motion which would delay the vote. Deputy Speaker Anat Maor weeks ago when the discussion on the bills took place.

The religious parties, however, did succeed in postponing the vote on the second and third read-ing of a bill allowing public asso-ciations with a special permit to handle adoptions abroad. MKs from religious parties, concerned about conversions, filed a no-confidence motion. The motion is scheduled to be heard next Tuesday, at a special plenum session before the elections.

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BILL HUTMAN

POLICE are taking unprecedented security precautions to secure the visit of US President Bill Clinton tomorrow afternoon and Thursday. closing down roads, including the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, and employing thousands of policemen in an effort to ensure the visit passes quietly.

In Jerusalem alone, 3,500 policemen are being assigned to duties related to the visit. Yesterday, Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit finalized the security plan, codenamed "Operation Song.

Police warned that traffic in Jerusalem is likely to be snarled tomorrow afternoon and Thursday morning, when Clinton will be in the capital. He is then scheduled to go to Tel Aviv to visit the site of the Dizengoff attack, before flying back to the US.

The visit will be Clinton's third while in office. He came here in 1994, and then again last November for the funeral of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Police said more manpower is being used for this visit because of the sensitive security situation.

Police plan to shut down the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway in both directions tomorrow afternoon, when the presidential entourage drives from Ben-Gurion Airport to the capital. The highway will be closed again the next day when Clinton goes to Tel Aviv, then the airport.

In Jerusalem, the roads the presidential entourage uses will be shut down, and parking forbidden. Clinton is to stay at the Laromme Hotel, and parking will also be forbidden in the area around it.

Police will announce exact road



New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Jerusalem Mayor Ebud Olmert share a laugh over their favorite Israeli English-language newspaper during a ride on a No. 18 bus.

# MDA to hold sanctions today

MAGEN David Adom staffers will today launch sanctions including a halt in the collection of blood - to press the government for additional funds so professional medics will accompany the driver/medic in every ambu-

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has proposed that soldiers be trained to serve this purpose, but the Histadrut and the MDA workers' union argue they would be cheap labor and less qualified than professional medics. The union said it would agree to the use of soldiers only operating in ambulances in the territories but

not inside Israel. In addition to a halt in blood collections around the country. MDA workers will not give cours-

es or take patients home from hospitals until further notice. Union chief Eli Ben-Khassous said the staff is "embittered" over the government's "ignoring of MDA's basic financial needs as a

national rescue service. On the one hand, they praise us for our skills and devotion, and on the other they pay no attention to our

remain in their stations to handle emergencies. Sneh, who has ministerial

responsibility for MDA, has said he would ask to discuss MDA's situation with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Finance

serious financial straits and their

A general meeting of MDA

staffers will be held at noon today.

and ambulances from around the

country will park outside MDA's

headquarters in Tel Aviv.

However, enough vehicles will

implications."

Minister Avraham Shohat, but a date has not yet been announced. The MDA governing council

met yesterday to express its gratitude to staffers for their "devoted and efficient work" during the recent wave of terror attacks. Meanwhile, American Red Magen David for Israel, which

helps provide funds for Magen David Adom, has pledged 75 new ambulances and medical supplies and equipment worth over \$3.4 million. ARMDI president Dr. Robert Sadoff said these were "in the pipeline" and should reach Israel in the very near future.

# **NYC Mayor** Giuliani rides terror bus

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

NEW York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani rode Jerusalem's No. 18 bus yesterday, paid a condolence call at a high school that lost four students in the suicide bombings, and said Israel must put its securi-

ty above all. The first order of business for any government, for a democracy, is security," Giuliani said. "Everything else follows after

He made the statement following a belicopter tour of Jerusalem and a briefing atop Nebi Samwil by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen.

Ilan Biran. Giuliani said he came to Israel to show solidarity with the Jewish state and to express sympathy for

the victims of the latest terrorists He began his day by riding the No. 18 bus at precisely the same

hour that suicide bombers blew themselves up, killing 44 people on February 25 and March 3.

"We're doing this in memory of the people who lost their lives,"
Giuliani said, laying wreaths at the
sites of the two attacks on Jaffa

The bus was crowded with journalists and security guards, but Giuliani managed to speak to a few

passengers. In a meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Giuliani expressed the "support and admiration of the people of my city and America."
Peres replied, "We can feel that you share our pain."

Later, Giuliani visited the Beit

Hinuch High School, which lost four students in the bus bombings. "I'm here to offer the support, sympathy, and prayers of the peo-ple of New York City." Giuliani

told 11th graders. Giuliani was to visit the site of the Dizengoff bombing in Tel Aviv before departing for home early this morning.
Shortly after arriving for a two-

day visit, Giuliani met with families of the victims of the bus attacks. "I expressed to them the sympa

thy and condolences of all the people in New York and in America, how we were [as] shocked as if it happened in New York City, Giuliani said. Likud leader Binyamin

Netanyahu told him in a meeting yesterday that Yasser Arafat had to be pushed to take stronger actions against Hamas terrorists. Rather than embracing him we

should put pressure on him,' Netanyahu said. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert,

who accompanied Giuliani throughout the day, praised him for coming "to share in our pain and

"I take back to the US and New York a better understanding of the difficulties you have in defending yourselves," Giuliani said. "I continue to be impressed by the strength of the Israeli people.

# Would-be curser's appeal of remand denied

**RAINE MARCUS** 

AVIGDOR Eskin, arrested last week as he stepped on a plane bound for Russia for a pulsa denura ceremony to put a curse on Prime Minister Shimon Peres, appealed his remand in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. However his appeal was rejected outright. with the court ruling that the ceremony was seditious.

Last Thursday, Eskin was remanded by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court for seven days. Police had said he had also conducted such a ritual outside prime

minister Yitzhak Rabin's home last year. But Eskin denied planning the ritual to put a curse on Peres, arguing that he "is only helping the right wing, because of his inability to fight terror." As Eskin, 36, of Jerusalem,

began delivering a political speech in court, Judge Avraham Beiser stopped him, allowing him only-20 seconds to state his case. In rejecting the appeal, Beiser said the pulsa denura ceremony was an act of sedition and encouraged acts of violence.

# Journalists asked not to publish data on **HIV** among Ethiopian immigrants

HEALTH, absorption, education, and immigration authorities asked all health reporters and other journalists - in 1991 - not to publish anything on the relatively high prevalence of HIV among Ethiopian immigrants. This was disclosed yesterday by

Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai, the Health Ministry's AIDS coordinator, at a session of the Navon Committee investigating Magen David Adom's policy on blood donations from Ethiopian Jews.

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Ben-Yishai said that all participants were warned to preserve secrecy on the issue so as not to stigmatize the immigrants. "The entire journalistic community joined in the effort" to prevent publication of the much-increased risk (50 times that of the general population), Ben-Yishai said.

He added that representatives of the Ethiopian community had attended this meeting and were asked for suggestions on how to increase awareness of HIV prevention within the community. The community representatives, Ben-Yishai said, including journalists with Israel Radio's Amharic secJUDY SIEGEL

campaign be "controlled and careful," because the immigrants were "not aware of AIDS and that if this fact became known, they would not cooperate."

He added that in August 1992, health minister Haim Ramon thought the policy of secrecy was Ethiopian community to cooperate in a special AIDS information campaign. Ben-Yishai said that some two dozen Ethiopians had infected their partners with HIV, even though they had been informed how to prevent transmission.

A few months ago, Ma'ariv investigative reporter Ronel Fisher disclosed that Magen David Adom had been accepting blood donations from Ethiopian immigrants (mostly soldiers), then destroying them without using them (except in rare cases). Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said he was

unaware of this policy. A local and international uproar resulted, with a sometimes-violent demonstration by tens of thousands of Ethiopian immigrants.

charges that MDA and Israel are "racist," and demands for the dismissal of MDA blood services director Dr. Amnon Ben-David.

Prof. Baruch Modan, a Tel Aviv University epidemiologist and for-mer Health Ministry director-general, said it had been an error not to tell all Ethiopian immigrants from the start of the higher risk of HIV in the community.

Dr. Moshe Mashiah, another former Health Ministry director-general and now director of Wolfson Hospital, said he "never found" any written instructions on what to do with the donated blood of Ethiopian immigrants, but that the ministry had a general policy not to allow the use of blood taken from high-risk groups.

The director of MDA's central blood bank, Dr. Eilat Shinar, saic that blood from Ethiopians and other high-risk groups could be very useful for research purposes Dr. Shula Bar-Shani, Ben-David's predecessor who is now retired and reportedly was the first to decide that Ethiopian donors would not be told their donations were being destroyed, testified behind closed

# **ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

Israeli debate team wins first prize

WHILE the tone of arguments among the Israeli public has been rising to overheated levels, Yael Rosen, 13, of Kochav Yair, recently showed that there's hope for the art of civilized debate by capturing first prize in a debating society contest in Greece.

Facing members of debating societies from countries around the world, Israel's Siah Vasig debating society – with only two weeks' preparation after its coach quit for lack of funds – nevertheless did the Competing in the oral interpretation category against 64 other partici-

pants, Rosen's interpretation of Shel Silverstein's children's story The Giving Tree - a selection she made with the new coach, Pam Higer earned her first prize.

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# tion, asked that the information Bill regulating banks' outside activities expected to move forward

THE Knesset was expected to approve a government bill limiting banks' holdings in non-bank companies for first reading late

last night.

The bill, based on the Brodet Committee recommendations, states than in four years' time. banks will be allowed to own no more than 20 percent of any nonbank company.

One year later, the limit will be reduced to 18%, and the following year, the ceiling goes down to

The bill also says that banks can invest no more than 25% of their capital in non-bank companies. Of this, only 5% can be in companies that do not operate in Israel, and another 5% can only be in companies of which the bank owns less than 5%.

## MK Weinstein buried in J'lem

LIKUD MK Ariel Weinstein, who died of a heart attack late Saturday night at age 64, was buried yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of relatives, friends and public figures attended the funeral.

Weinstein, a property assessor and journalist by profession, was first elected to the Knesset in 1982. chairman Likud Netanyahu eulogized Weinstein, saying that beyond his love and devotion to the Land of Israel, he was always concerned with the welfare of the individual. Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss said he was one of the most active MKs on social and economic issues and had become an expert on those topics."

**EVELYN GORDON** 

The remaining 15% can be invested freely, within the limits stated above.

In addition, the bill states that no bank will be able to control more than one major non-banking conglomerate.

Thus Bank Hapoalim, for instance, will be required by the bill to sell off its holdings in either Clal or Koor within four

Another important provision of the bill forbids banks from appointing the chairman, managing director or chief financial officer of any non-bank institu-

Similarly, the bill states that a majority of the members of mutual funds' investment committees must be representatives

of the public rather than the banks, and requires investment decisions to be made only by

these public representatives.

This is meant to prevent the banks from forcing their mutual funds to favor investments in the banks' own companies.

Finally, the bill states that banks cannot hold a minority stake in other banking conglomerates, to prevent conflicts of It also eliminates several tradi-

tional classifications such as mortgage or investment banks. replacing them with only three types of banks: regular banks, business promotion banks and financial institutions.

The goal of this change, according to the Treasury, is to give banks more freedom to branch out into different financial activities.



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Russian soldiers check the documents of civilians returning to Grozny. The stringent security measures are the result of fierce fighting between the government and Chechen rebels.

# Apartheid bosses on trial

bosses and their subordinates pleaded not guilty to murder yesterday, denying they sent death squads to gun down the black opponents of white rule.

South Africa's former defense minister Magnus Malan, 66, and 19 others - generals, white ex-soldiers, a vice-admiral, a police colonel, six black policemen and a senior member of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party denied all charges in court, responding in either Afrikaans or Zulu.

The trial is the most significant attempt since the first all-race polls in 1994 to judge key figures who fought a bitter rear-guard action for white rule in the 1980s.

The prosecution will cast a shaft of judicial light to a corner of our history which has hitherto been dark and secret. That process has now begun. It is a process of truth and justice," provincial attorney-general Tim McNally told the Supreme Court in the Indian Ocean port of

The defendants stand accused of 13 murders, four attempted murders and conspiracy to murder the supporters and allies of President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress

The trial of Malan and the others over a massacre nine years ago linked to secret plans to crush black opposition resumed after having been postponed for a week when defense lawyers said they needed time to study the charges and to further consult with the

McNally will argue they are guilty of the murders of 13 people, five of them children aged between four and 10, in an attack on the home of a supporter of Mandela's thenbanned ANC in KwaZulu-Natal province in

The state accuses Malan, who has leukaemia, and 12 other former security force officers of involvement in a covert operation which resulted in the attack, alleged to have been carried out by six black policemen who are also in

The 13 people killed in the pre-dawn raid died in bursts of automatic rifle-fire. The target was a youth leader, Victor Ntuli, 22, who was not at his father's home at the time and survived. He was killed by assassins in 1990. In the dock with Malan, defense minister

from 1980 to 1991, is Inkatha deputy secretary-general Zakhele "M.Z." Khumalo, who was a personal assistant to party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Buthelezi, home affairs minister in

Mandela's government, is unlikely to be called as a witness, despite frequent references to him in state papers. The state alleges the military trained 200

men for a covert "offensive unit" to combat a perceived ANC threat as part of a programme of support for the conservative Inkatha.

McNally will also try to prove Malan and the others conspired to murder supporters of the United Democratic Front, which operated during the 1980s while the ANC was banned.

# Rebel fighters attack Russian troops

GROZNY (AP) - Small groups of Chechen rebels battled with Russian troops yesterday as sepa-ratist fighters continued their

retreat from the Chechen capital. The entire city was without water and power following four days of fierce fighting during which the rebels destroyed water pumping stations, power plants and set an oil refinery ablaze.

The Russian government had claimed victory over a huge rebel force that attacked Grozny last week in the worst fighting in the city in a year, but groups of separatist fighters harassed the Russians on the outskirts of the Chechen capital yesterday.

Russian troops in helicopter gunships pursued Chechen guerrillas in the woods on the edge of the city, and fighting was reported yesterday in at least three districts

of Grozny. Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, who was in Grozny yesterday, said a rebel force of about 1.000 attacked Grozny last week and 300 rebel fighters were killed and 350 wounded. The death toll

was roughly double earlier reported figures.

The Interior Ministry said yes-

terday that 170 Russian troops had been killed and more than 100 wounded, the Interfax news agency said. Kulikov said 79 Interior Ministry troops and Chechen policemen were killed, but gave no death toll for the Russian army.

As throughout the 15-month-old war, many civilians were killed in the running battles. The Chechen government had said about 100 civilians lost their lives.

Shamil Basayev, a rebel commander who was reported to have led the assault on Grozny, threatened to carry out a series of terrorist attacks in the neighboring region of Dagestan, NTV report-

Basayev, who led a hostage-taking raid on the southern Russian city of Budyonnovsk last summer. spoke in a television broadcast in Grozny, the report said. He singled out a power plant in the Dagestani town of Khasavyurt for

Chechnya, Russian Interior Ministry troops were allowing civilians to return to the town of Seznovodsk, the scene of heavy

fighting last week. However, few of the estimated 14,000 refugees who fled Sernovodsk were reported to be returning, with most remaining in neighboring Ingusheda until the

situation becomes more settled. President Boris Yeltsin sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 in an attempt to quickly crush separatist defiance and reassert Moscow's control over the breakaway republic.

In Moscow, several dozen Communist demonstrators set up a picket they say will last until the end of March to protest the war. The war has dragged on and an

estimated 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed. Yeltsin has promised soon to unveil a plan for ending the war before the June elections. But the latest clashes cast doubt on the possibility of a peaceful settlement anytime soon.

# Cambodia's stability at risk as king's health worsens

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Government officials said yesterday they feared for Cambodia's stability if King Norodom Sihanouk's worsening health makes

The king was the main factor in national unity, said Minister of Information leng Mouly. His departure would deprive Cambodians of their strongest moral influence and could endanger the nation's political future, Mouly said.

"Only King Sihanouk at this time can play his role of achieving national reconciliation," said Om Yen Tieng, an adviser to Second Premier Hun Sen.

Sihanouk, 73, returned to Phnom Penh yesterday from Beijing, where he recently underwent medical tests by Chinese doctors.

"The doctors said I am sick, but I feel all right myself," Sihanouk said on his arrival in Phnom Penh. On Friday, the king informed his son, First Premier Norodom Ranariddh, that doctors diagnosed him as having health problems - advanced hardening of the

arteries, a brain lesion and a high level of fat in his liver. The ailments will one day inevitably prevent him from serving his nation and his people, he told Ranariddh in a faxed letter sent from Beijing.

When this day arrives, I ask that you, venerated one, and our people give me your indulgence and

Sihanouk had a mild stroke in 1992 and also suffers from cancer and diabetes, although he says these are The king has suggested several times in the past

that he might step down, but Cambodian officials worried that his deteriorating health made this latest warning more serious. Sihanouk first became king in 1941, at age 19,

under the French regime then in power. He stepped down in 1955 to form a political party, steering his newly independent state between two Cold War camps to neutrality.

A US-backed coup in 1970 sent him to exile in China. He reluctantly joined rebels led by the Communist Khmer Rouge and returned when the group seized power five years later. The Khmer Rouge soon turned against him, and he went into exile again after invading Vietnamese forces freed him from house arrest in 1978.

# Ex-South Korean presidents tried for mutiny

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the public gallery and taunted with a cry of "sons of bitches". two former South Korean presidents appeared side-by-side in a grip on the presidency for 13 Seoul court yesterday to face years from 1980 to 1993. charges of mutiny and sedition.

Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Taewoo, former military generals, face a possible death sentence.

Dressed in light blue prison uniforms, both sat straight-backed in the front row of the defendants' gallery of the Seoul District Criminal Court along with 14 other

former senior military officers. Chun is accused of mutiny for masterminding a 1979 coup that gave him and his protege Roh a

Roh is charged with helping Chun stage the pursch that fol-lowed the assassination of military strongman Park Chung-hee, who was their mentor. The two have also been indicted for sedition in connection with a 1980 army massacre of pro-democracy protesters in Kwangju, in which

200 people were killed by official

Roh's defense lawyer scoffed at the charges, saying the issue of the coup and events leading up to the Kwangju incident had been put before voters, who elected Roh president in 1987.

Dozens of protesters screaming obscenities and demanding heavy punishment scuffled with riot police outside the court.

Inside, an ugly brawl erupted when the father of a student beaten to death by riot police in 1991 yelled: "Chun Doo Hwan, Roh Tae-woo, sons of bitches".

Kang Min-jo. 54, was reacting to a show of camaraderie by the two smiling ex-presidents, who and exchanged greetings before the moon recess. One of Chun's sons seated near-

by in the public gallery lunged at Kang and was soon joined by other Chun relatives and supporters who punched and kicked Kang to the ground. News reports said Kang was taken to hospital.

# Rugby captain: I kept seeing Diana out of stubbornness

LONDON (AP) - Retiring England rugby captain Will Carling says sheer stubbornness made him continue his ill-fated friendship with Princess Diana last year.

Carling's wife, Julia, a television show host and a publicist, objected and the couple separated in September after one year of

"If I'm really honest about the whole thing, and without making a big deal out of it it was my stubbornness," Carling, 30, was quoted as saying in a Radio Times interview on yesterday. "It wasn't very clever.

"Part of me thought; 'Why can't I just be her friend?' I thought: Why in hell should I be told how to live my life?"

He added ruefully, "I suppose I have been, though.

Carling and Diana reportedly met several times last summer at a swanky London gym and Carling was photographed visiting her Kensington Palace home.

Whe refused to say yesterday whether he had a romance with the princess

Julia Carling, in a magazine interview out today, said her marriage started collapsing when news broke of Carling's friendship with Diana.

'Ît is the worst nightmare for one's marriage to crumble so publicly," Mrs. Carling, 31, was quoted as saying in The Tatler.

Britain's watchdog Press Complaints Commission recently rejected a complaint by Mrs. Carling that newspapers invaded her personal privacy. The commission found that she had encouraged coverage.

# Jewish leaders protest plans for supermarket next to Auschwitz

KNESSET Speaker Shevah Weiss, a Holocaust survivor, has sent a letter to Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski calling on him to use his powers to thwart plans to build a shopping and entertainment center next to Auschwitz. "Auschwitz is a black hole in the annals of humanity and a shocking, historic monument in memory of millions of people who were slaughtered by the fascists because of their nationality, race and religion," the letter said. "The awesome holiness of this place must be preserved; the feelings of millions of survivors of the dark Nazi days, and those of enlightened people in Poland and throughout the world who see in Auschwitz an eternal cry of revulsion against evil and horror, must not be trampled," Weiss wrote.

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In Europe, Auschwitz survivors

and Jewish leaders are protesting plans to open the mini-mall across the street from the Nazi death

The Polish developer has said he sees "nothing wrong" with the

"How can that desecrate the memory of this place - it's outside the museum's area," said Janusz Marszalek, who with a German partner plans to open a restaurant and fast-food stand in early June to serve the thousands of tourists who visit Auschwitz each year.

A supermarket and clothing and textile stores would open by the end of the year, he said.

Władysław Bartoszewski, a former inmate now head of the Auschwitz museum council, said he was disturbed by the idea and considered the backers guilty of "thoughtlessness."

But the director of the Auschwitz museum, Jerzy Wroblewski, defended the plans as "in no way harmful" and accused the media of misrepre-

senting the project. Marszalek said he planned to renovate an old factory and warehouses already standing across the street from the main Auschwitz visitors' center, a red-brick build-

ing in the oldest part of the camp. Wroblewski said the renovation work has already begun. He said he supported the plan as a way to "bring order in the buffer zone" around Auschwitz.

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BOB Dole said yesterday he could virtually lock up the Republican presidential nomination if he swept today's seven primary elections, but rival Pat Pat Buchanan issued a new message of defiance.

Lop-sided opinion polls suggested Dole, the Senate majority leader, would crush his top remaining opponents - conservative commentator Buchanan and millionaire publisher Steve Forbes - in most if not all of the "Super Tuesday" contests in Texas. Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana and Oregon.

That would add to a growing string of Dole primary wins and move him around two-thirds of the way towards the 996 Republican National Convention delegates needed to clinch the party's presidential nomination. Democratic President Bill

Clinton is unopposed for re-nomination to lead his party in the November. 5 election.

"I hope we're close and tomor-row we'll be closer," Dole told a news conference in Florida yesterday before heading on to Texas for a campaign appearance in San

"From my early indications we should be in a fairly strong posiWASHINGTON

tion in most of those seven states. Super Tuesday's going to be a big big big one ... If one candidate should win all seven states, I think this thing is virtually over," he

Dole's most pressing need now was to unite Republicans for what promises to be a tough battle against Clinton, who has begun to hit the campaign trail himself in recent days. He was speaking on environmental issues in New

Jersey yesterday. But Buchanan, a feisty television pundit who claims to lead the party's most conservative elements, shows no signs of quitting and cannot be disregarded.

He has consistently drawn 25-30 percent of Republican votes in many primaries. His presence prevents Dole from moving toward the mainstream centre in preparation for the general election campaign against an incumbent presi-

In a CNN interview yesterday, Buchanan sounded bitter about Dole, who has attacked him as an extremist. He indicated he was in no hurry for a reconciliation and said he would not meet with Dole

representatives seeking to bury the hatchet.

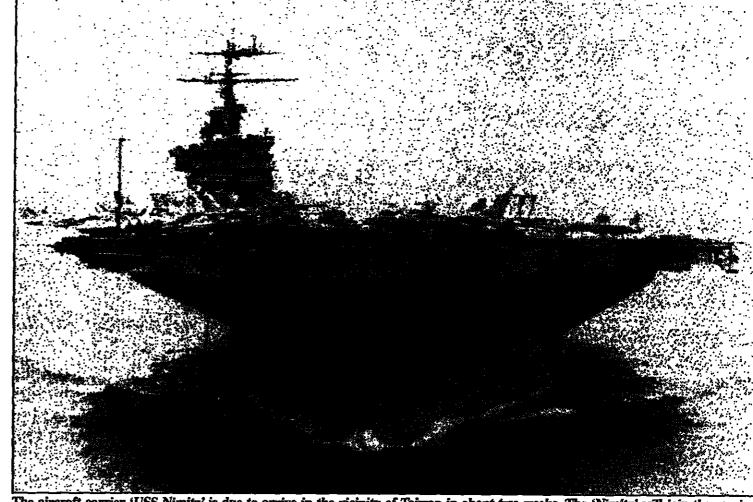
There will be no endorsements and no meetings and there will be no endorsements before the convention (în California in August)," Buchanan said. "I think we're going to go all the way to this convention. Why not? Why not go and do battle right inside the Republican Party itself?"

Such talk could portend trouble for Dole's efforts both to unify the party and seek mainstream support. Buchanan's fire-and-brimstone speech at the 1992 convention, in which he declared "cultural warfare" on social liberals, helped to undermine then-President George Bush's re-election strategy.

Buchanan also suggested he might seek an alliance on tax reform issues with the backers of Forbes, who focuses on those issues and is the other major Republican still opposing Dole.

I do think we would try to help Steve Forbes' forces to get a modified flat tax put inside the Republican platform," Buchanan

Forbes says the most important priority for Republicans ought to be to abolish the graduated income tax system and replace it with a single rate for all.



The aircraft carrier 'USS Nimitz' is due to arrive in the vicinity of Taiwan in about two weeks. The 'Nimitz' will join the carrier 'Independence' and other US warships as a precautionary step as China holds war games in the area.

# US sends warships to Taiwan

support of Taiwan. He refused to elaborate, say-

Serb police withdraw from lawless suburb

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Firing pistols into the air and hurling hand grenades. Bosnian Serb police made a defiant exit yesterday from a Sarajevo suburb about to come under Moslem-Croat Federation rule.

Moslem fire fighters, escorted by NATO troops, rushed to douse fires in Ilidza set by arsonist gangs bent on frustrating a smooth transfer of power under the Davton peace accords.

The United States announced it would make \$100 million dollars available for military equipment and training of the Moslem-Croat Federation force in

Meanwhile Yugoslav Foreign Minister Milan Milutinovic arrived in Croatia for talks on normalizing ties between the two states, at odds since federal

Yugoslavia's violent breakup in 1991. · Yesterday's talks focused on restoring road, railway and air traffic, postal and full consular links between Groatia and Serbia. Serbia is the dominant

republic in ruinp Yugoslavia, whose only other member is Montenegro. Several fires burned in Alides the fourth Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo due to change hands under the Dayton peace agreement. Moslem-Croat federation police are scheduled to enter the town this morning to

begin patrolling. Until then NATO combat troops and unarmed UN police are responsible for keeping order.

About 15 Serb policemen, some waving cans of

beer, cursing and giving the Serb three-fingered salute drove around the centre of Ilidza after setting their own station ablaze.

Civilians ducked behind cars and French NATO troops crouched in firing positions alongside their armored vehicles as the convoy of cars full of blueuniformed Serb police drove around the town centre, witnesses said.

Moslem firemen from nearby Hrasnica quickly put out the fire in the police station and NATO demoli-

tion expens searched the building for booby traps. As the convoy crossed a bridge one policeman threw a hand-grenade out of his car window. It detonated harmlessly in the river below, sending a plume of water into the sky.

The center of Ilidza survived the 43-month Bosnian war with little damage. Yesterday it looked like the scene of a fierce battle as a result of recent looting

and burning, much of which occurred despite a stepped-up NATO presence.

Most of Ilidza's Serb residents have already fled. dearing Moslem-Croat domination or succumbing to intimidation from lawless gangs and pressure from their own leaders who oppose a multi-ethnic Bosnia.

Some 2,500 mostly elderly people, however, have registered to remain in Ilidza, international police said. Residents too frightened to remain in their flats at night have been invited to congregate in UN "safe houses" under UN police and NATO guard.

Perry, who is on a three-day visit to Chile, said the administration had already received "some

Perry said the US move to send warships closer to Taiwan, was "a prudent, cautionary mea-

dicted yesterday a non-military solution to the Speaking to reporters in Santiago, Chile,

Secretary of Defense William J. Perry pre-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is

moving warships closer off Taiwan in response

to China's plans to stage live-fire war games

near the island and its escalating intimidation

Besides moving a naval battle group led by

the aircraft carrier USS Independence to with-

in about 160 km of Taiwan, the Pentagon plans

to pull the carrier USS Nimitz out of the Persian

Gulf earlier than scheduled. The Nimitz battle

group is due in the vicinity of Taiwan in about

two weeks, a senior defense official said yes-

Secretary of State Warren Christopher the

Independence would sail somewhat closer to

Taiwan, but he was not more specific. The

Independence and its escort ships had been

within about 320 km of Taiwan last week as

they monitored China's test firing of three

against the Taipei government.

unarmed ballistic missiles.

ing it came "from a high-ranking Chinese dele-gation now visiting the United States."

China grumbled but Taiwan welcomed the US announcement.

Taiwan endured another jittery day as shareholders bailed out of Taiwanese stocks and the public rushed to buy millions of American dollars as a hedge against a possible conflict.

Taiwan is a part of China and not a protectorate of the United States," warned Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, after Christopher's announcement.

Taiwanese government spokesman Jason Hu said the US ships were intended "to maintain peace, and not to intervene" in the dispute. Reflecting his government's insistence that China's moves are a threat to the prosperous region, not just to Taiwan, Hu said: "We believe this is welcomed by countries in the region. We are not hoping for war, so any acts

conducive to peace will be welcome." Taiwanese commentators have expressed concern that the US tactic of calculated ambiguity - leaving China to guess how it might react to an attack on Taiwan - might be read as

weakness. China claims Taiwan is a renegade province and has never renounced force to reunify it

reunification, but China is convinced its president, Lee Teng-hui, covertly wants to make the island fully independent.

Following up the three missiles it test-fired near Taiwan Friday, China is starting eight days of air and sea maneuvers in a 17,000-km rectangle which stretches to the mid-point of the Taiwan Straits - an unofficial border both sides try not to cross.

While any serious miscalculation could spark hostilities, there are also indications that neither side is anxious for war.

China has orchestrated its moves carefully Friday's test missiles splashed harmlessly into the sea and were thought to carry dummy warheads. Airliners and ships have been warned to avoid the war games zone, but their routes will not be seriously disrupted.

Taiwan's military said the exercise appeared similar to one last August, and added that Taiwanese had "no need to overreact."

It predicted the Chinese exercise would include anti-submarine measures, anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles, artillery and bombing

China's Qian stopped short of calling the US naval move provocative, while Tanwan's President Lee mixed defiance with measured words as he campaigned for a fresh term in

# Protestants urge moves on IRA disarmament

BELFAST (Reuter) - Protestant political leader David Trimble said yesterday he did not believe the IRA would renew a truce before all-party peace talks on Northern Ireland in June.

Speaking before important talks with the Irish government. Trimble said Dublin must match London's urgency in preparing for eventual disarmament in order to maintain the impetus for peace in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), which wants the province to remain part of Britain, is urging that the question of weapons "decommissioning" of weapons by the IRA tops the talks agenda. It also calls for the two govern-ments to legislate for a "verification commission" as suggested by the a US-backed mediation team.

"I have raised this matter with the British government, and they have assured me that they are at this moment making the necessary preparation to introduce such legislation," said Trimble, whose UUP speaks for the region's pro-

private garden plots.

for years.

British majority.

the Irish government on this matter and I want to be assured that they are acting on this matter, not leaving it to be discussed on June 10," he said in an Irish radio interview.

"If they do leave it to be discussed (until)...the end of June. then they will be introducing a significant delay."

Asked if he wanted a commission on the statute book before the talks' starting date, Trimble replied:"I think it has to be done... If it's not, then we have got an obstruction."

The IRA has vowed not to give up its hidden explosives and guns before a final settlement is negotiated to the campaign it has conducted for 25 years to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Its political wing Sinn Fein is excluded from the June 10 talks. and preliminary meetings with British and Irish ministers, until the IRA renews a 17-month truce broken last month with three bombs in London.

'Russian land reform can't be stopped'

On prospects for a second IRA "I have not heard any word from truce before June 10. Trimble said: "I have no great expectation there... But merely restoring what went before will not meet the need. What we want is for the IRA to declare an end to violence, and mean it for good."

Hopes in London and Dublin that the setting of a June date for full talks - a central demand by the republican militants - would lead to a second truce dimmed last week when the IRA signaled its determination to carry on its war.

A meeting over dinner in Dublin between the UUP and an Irish team led by Prime Minister John Bruton will be the first full-scale session between the sides since abortive talks in 1992.

Many Protestants, descended from 17th century English and Scottish settlers allotted lands by the British Crown, view Roman Catholic Ireland as meddlesome and church-dominated and aiming to reverse the partition settlement which set up Northern Ireland 75



# **DEMONSTRATION**

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO STOP TALKING AND START HITTING BACK AT TERRORISM

# WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 1996 AT 7.00p.m.

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**VICTIMS OF TERROR** 

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Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zaveryukha, who is in charge of agriculture, yesterday rejected charges the decree is a just a ploy to win votes for Yeltsin in the June presidential election. He said Yeltsin was tired of waiting for parliament

MOSCOW (AP) - Real land reform is finally going

to begin in Russia and even a Communist victory in

June won't be able to turn back what President Boris

Yeltsin set in motion with the stroke of a pen, a top

official boasted yesterday.
Yeltsin signed a decree last week lifting
Communist-era restrictions on buying, selling and

leasing land. It affects 12 million workers at former

collective and state farms and 40 million more with

Land reform is an anathema to Communists and

others suspicious of sweeping market reforms, and

they have stalled action on a land bill in parliament

to act and eager to get land reform under way. "Reform has been delayed because of the lack of a legal instrument," he said.

It is not clear how much the decree can change things in the few months remaining before the election. But Zaveryukha claimed it would set in motion a process so sweeping that even a victory by Communist frontrunner Gennady Zyuganov could-

The Communists can't just take it (land) away."

Zaveryukha insisted.

In fact, that is precisely what the Bolsheviks did after the Russian revolution, and millions died in the forced collectivization of agriculture. Russia is a largely agricultural country and experts

say it will never achieve a genuine free market economy until there is agricultural - and land - reform. Under a \$10.2 billion loan agreement reached with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last month, Russia committed to move ahead on land

Land reform began under the Soviet regime, but heavy opposition, particularly from local authorities, meant that people rarely had real control over their property.

Yeltsin's decree gives workers at state and collective farms the right to sell, buy, mortgage, lease and bequeath the shares they got in their farms when the enterprises were privatized. The same rights will apply to small garden plots

that many Russians got before the Soviet collapse. Although people could hold these plots and even pass them on to their children, ownership remained with "It gives Russians a chance to become real

landowners." Yuri Linin, of the Russian Farmers' Association, said in an interview. "It could be quite popular in the countryside, especially with pensionF. DAVID RADLER, Chairman, Board of Directors YEHUDA LEVY, President & Publisher

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# US satisfaction with Arafat

THAT the US administration has a stake in the Oslo process and in Yasser Arafat's survival is a given. It is only natural that after investing its prestige, international influence and financial resources in the process, universally symbolized by the White House lawn handshake, Washington would like to see it succeed. Nor is there any doubt that President Bill Clinton sincerely believes he is doing what is good for Israel. He certainly cannot be expected to be skeptical of a process passionately advocated and endorsed by Israel's premier.

But nothing is more dangerous than allowing wishes to be confused with facts. It may be comforting to believe that Yasser Arafat is now truly doing more against Islamic terrorism than he ever did in the past. But the fact is that this is precisely what both the Israeli government and the State Department used to say whenever Arafat, following a terrorist strike, would haul Hamas operatives to prison.

Invariably, these detainees would be freed after a "decent interval." Worse, much of the time the arrests were meant only to afford wanted Hamas terrorists protective custody, in effect guarding them against the long arm of Israeli retaliation. It is also known now that there was absolutely no truth to the frequent PA stories about apprehending suicide bombers just before they embarked on a mission against Israelis.

These stories, which often claimed that not only the would-be suicides were seized but also video-cassettes showing them bidding farewell to the world, were pure invention. That such stories were so avidly and indiscriminately swallowed by the US and Israel is yet another indication of the power of wishful thinking.

It is, of course, possible that Arafat has suddenly seen the light, or that American pressure following the latest atrocities has been more teiling, and that this time he is truly "doing something." But it is utterly impossible to determine at this point whether the measures he is taking are meaningful or just another. show. To hastily amounce, before anything is truly known, that they are a sincere attempt to curb terrorism cannot enhance American credi-

Ironically, the State Department issued a report - as it is required by law - on PLO compliance with the Oslo accords on March 1, days after the first bus bombing in Jerusalem. Most of the report relates to the period before the bombing, and – not surprisingly – it is full of praise for Arafat's conduct.

As Zionist Organization of America president Morton Klein points out in a critique of the report, "Once again, the PLO has been consistently violating virtually every aspect of the accords, and once again the State Department falsely claimed that the PLO is complying with the accords."

The report does not bother to mention Arafat's speeches to Palestinian gatherings - consistent in their venomous encouragement of violence, calls for jihad and vows to "liberate Palestine." Nor does it mention the glorification of Yihye Ayyash, the notorious "engineer" who has been made into a deified martyr by Arafat and virtually all his lieutenants. It also completely ignores the PA's violation of the Oslo agreement in its refusal to extradite wanted terrorists.

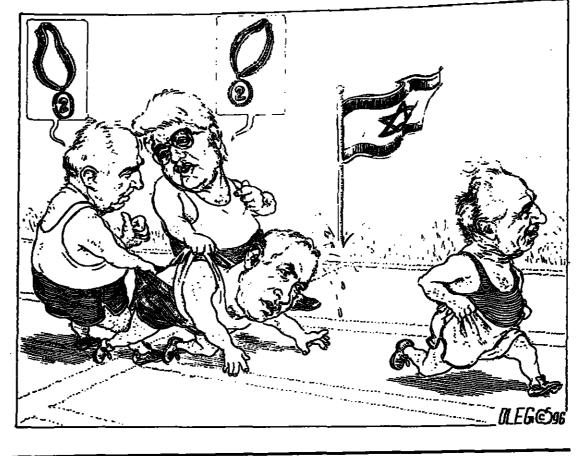
But most worrisome is the State Department's game with facts and numbers. It claims that "enhanced Palestinian police measures...helped to decrease the number of violent terrorist attacks." As Klein points out, there were 78 terrorist attacks during the period of the study (Dec. 1, 1995 to Feb. 29, 1996) in which 31 Israelis were killed, compared to the three previous months in which three Israelis were killed in 58 terrorist attacks.

This denial of the toll of terrorism is not unique to the State Department. Prime Minister Shimon Peres also likes to say that the problem is not the number of terrorist attacks but their lethality, caused by the new phenomenon of suicide bombers.

It may be sobering for all such deniers to study the latest Peace Watch report on the casualties of terrorism. Tallying all incidents in the 31 months since September 9, 1993 - the day Arafat committed himself and the PLO not only to cease terrorist activity but to combat and punish it - Peace Watch reports the loss of 213 lives to terrorism. This is the highest toll of terror victims in any such period since the establishment of the state.

It should also be noted that while the vast majority are victims of Islamist attacks - 131 have been killed by Hamas operations and 52 by Islamic Jihad - there were also nine Fatah victims, nine killed by the radical PLO group PFLP, and 12 by other groups. Nor do these figures, include the unknown number of murdered "collaborators," Israel's allies in the Palestinian population, whose safety was supposed to be assured by the Oslo accords. Scores if not hundreds have been tortured and murdered by Fatah and the Palestinian Police.

This is not the kind of record which should qualify Arafat as an honored member of the anti-terrorist nations. Nor does it entitle him to belong in an international meeting now renamed "the peacemakers summit." Above all. it does not inspire confidence that this time US satisfaction with his "actions against terrorism" is more warranted than it was when the State Department report was issued less than two weeks ago.



# Foolish false prophecy

ear your clothes -mourn!" cried a hyster-ical Rabbi Moshe Levinger 22 years ago to scores of rabbis and thousands of teenagers who had crowded around an abandoned train station near Nablus, only to learn that the government would not heed their religiouslygrounded quest to settle Samaria.

For years, Levinger and his cry epitomized that dangerous version of Zionism which sought to shackle Israel's foreign policy to a messianic road map.

Israelis like this writer, then a tenth-grader, found that territorially hungry and demographically blind Weltanschauung so mystical that, almost as a reflex action, they sided with its ostensibly rational, secular opponents.

Yet post-Oslo terrorism, and the way both Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat have behaved in its wake, make one wonder whether Gush Emunim's secular antithesis has not, paradoxically, become plagued with an equally aloof, naive and mystical fixation.

Conventional wisdom notwithstanding, messianism hasn't always been exclusively religious, or personal. Historians, most notably Jacob Talmon, have classified as messianists modern thinkers like Rosa Luxemburg, Karl Marx, Leon Trotsky, Gregori Zinoviev and the leaders of the New Left during the 1960s, who sought to lead humanity to a universalistic and egalitarian future, biblical prophets.

Most of them were Jewish. Some, like Trotsky, paid for their universalism with their lives. Peres's New Middle East vision.

which purports to microwave the world's most intolerant, dictatorial and blood-soaked region into a harmonious, pacific and open expanse, appears to be yet another link in this long chain of secular messianics. So long as the messianics'

designs remained in the realm of theory there was little the matter with them; the problems began

Besides the overwhelming grief and anguish, the almost 60 families whose

loved ones died at the hand of reli-

gious fanatics in Jerusalem,

Ashkelon and Tel Aviv, their bod-

ies charred or blown to bits, felt

intense anger and rage, not to

And because the act was direct-

ed against all of us as a people

rather than at the unfortunate indi-

viduals who had the bad luck to be

in the wrong place at the wrong

time, we all share those feelings.

even though most of us didn't

One result of the attacks with

their large number of casualties

has been an atmosphere of mass

"We can't go on like this," peo-ple say. "Everything is falling

apart." Their sense of insecurity is

And yet the reaction seems

totally out of proportion, consider-

ing all the other dangers we must

confront on a daily basis. And the

fact that elements on the political

right are harnessing public feeling

to further their owns ends merely

In the coming year your chances of being killed or wounded in a

traffic accident caused by negli-

a stranger are also substantial,

though no one can give the odds

increases the disproportion.

gence or sheer driver reckles

about the same.

genuine, and it has good cause.

know the victims personally.

speak of a desire for revenge.

AMOTZ ASA-EL

when utopians - impatient with history's reluctance to arrive naturally at the destinations they had intended for it - transposed their thoughts from abstract literature into political platforms.

Their subsequent attempts to engineer history, much like those of their rabbinical ancestors who in different generations believed the messiah had arrived, ended in political debacle, emotional depression, and ideological hangover.

Oddly enough, it was in Gaza of all places that the quintessential false messiah Shabbetai Zevi who first swept an ecstatic Jewish Diaspora off its feet, then threw it into a state of despair when he avoided execution by converting

Messianism is not the exclusive province of ultra-nationalists

to Islam - on Shavuot in the year 1665 was proclaimed "Savior of Israel" by a mystic called Nathan. in the presence of a rabbinical assembly.

Somber analogies between the Shabbetai-Nathan duo and the Peres-Arafat odd couple come to denial mechanisms in the face of his theological invention's failure to live up to expectation. Nathan did not abandon his hero

even after his apostasy, but built towers of excuses for his conversion, claiming evil needed to be conquered from within.

Similarly, Peres still clings to his political contrivance, a man who - unlike Anwar Sadat and King Hussein, whose new attitudes toward Israel followed a genuine change of heart - has proven to be an unreconstructed

champion of fanatic killers by repeatedly shouting "We are all suicide [bombers]" in front of bloodthirsty mobs.

To this writer, a veteran supporter of concessions for peace, Peres mantras like "Peace is made with enemies, not friends" and "Only Arafat can deliver" have come to sound much like Nathan's absurd insistence that the Messiah can abandon Judaism.

Shimon Peres is hardly to be envied just now - forced as he is to absorb an entire nation's tears and liable to witness the collapse of a peace vision with which he, more than anyone else, is identified. His illustrious 50-year public career is on the verge of tragic cul-Yet his leadership role was not

imposed on him by anyone; he chose it, and should therefore show some realism. And that means, first of all, demonstrating more respect for our intelligence. Too many peace supporters, par-

ticularly swing voters, do not see Peres's grander visions becoming an immediate reality. In the rap-prochement with the PLO, most Israelis saw a rational and disillusioned act of disengagement.

But Peres elevated what was an essentially tactical move into an apocalyptic grand strategy of political transfusion and regional transfiguration.

There are signs that Peres himself is gradually backtracking from this approach, particularly in rejected plans to enhance the separation of pre-'67 Israel from the territories.

To better lead this country during the next four years Peres must abandon his prophetic posture. To his Israeli electorate it sounds like false Messianism; to Arab autocrats it sounds much like Trotsky sounded to Stalin.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the paper.

# Sheer . stupidity

MITCHELL G. BARD

y wife and I are trying to discourage our four-year-old from using the ward stupid. I hope they will both forgive me for devoting this collings to some acts of unprecedented strepidity over the last few weeks. Why waste time and energy on such a subject? Because stupidity can be dangerous, in more ways

man one.

Let's start with Lt.-Gen.

Hussein Kamel Hassan, the sonin-law of Saddam Hussein who defected to Jordan last August, and proceeded to disclose secrets about Iraq's unconventional weapons program.

Last month, the clever general

negotiated safe passage to return home. A few days later, he was murdered.

Talk about having one wheel stuck in the sand!

While I have no sympathy for Hassan, one dangerous aspect of this incident was the reminder that Saddam is still firmly in command, as ruthless as ever, and a force the West will have to reckon with for the foreseeable future because 2 of the failure of Operation Desert

How do I put this next example delicately? I don't think I can. Anyone who publicly stands beside Louis Farrakhan and expresses support for his views is, at best, stupid. The man is a

One columnist suggested that saying Farrakhan has some positive ideas is like saying, "At least Hitler made the trains run on

If you stand beside Farrakhan, endorse his views, or remain silent when he speaks, you are an accomplice to bigotry. Period.

Farrakhan's mirror image is Pat Buchanan. He may not be a Nazi,

There's been an awful lot of it around over the last few weeks

though he has spoken out on behalf of accused Nazis, but he is certainly an extremist.

People who are angered by black leaders who fail to condemn Farrakhan are hypocrites if they fail to criticize white leaders who look the other way while Buchanan practices his barnstorming bigotry in the US Republican primaries.

Bob Dole had it right when he began to attack Buchanan as an extremist. It is a sad commentary on his campaign, and that of the other candidates, that they so fear losing the support of the "angry white males" and other Buchanan supporters that they are unwilling to tell voters he does not represent the values of the GOP. To its credit, the National Jewish Coalition has not hesitated to criticize Buchanan.

The word "stupid" doesn't seem fanatics.

being told, they are interested in sabotaging the peace process, they are just plain stupid.

nothing will deter it from its pursuit of a final settlement with its neighbors. Even the heinous atrocities of the last few weeks will not prevent the peace process from moving forward.

impact of the Hamas actions is increased hardships for Palestinians, and an Israeli prime minister forced to wage war against the organization. Also, Yasser Arafat will undoubtedly work to forestall the possibility of Peres losing the election because of the terrorists.

If the Hamas atrocities lead to a change in government, the nature of the peace process will certainly shift, but it will not be reversed. Binyamin Netanyahu will pursue some agreement with the Palestinians - and he will not besitate to make war on

demn Hamas or to rein the organization in are also stupid, because they will jeopardize the freedom they have won up to this point, and the potential for gain-

but it is not intelligence that is

There is no shortage of stupid people at the moment, but we are suffering from a severe dearth of courageous ones.

analyst and author of Forgotten Victims: The Abandonment of Americans in Hitler's Camps.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## AMENDING THE COVENANT

Sir, - Will someone tell me why it is so important for the PLO to change or delete the portions of their Covenant calling for Israel's destruction? As the saying goes, "a guarantee

is only as good as the person offer-ing it." Mr. Arafat has consistently failed to honor most, if not all, of the clauses in the Oslo agreements, whining incoherently about all of his problems with various "non-Fatah" factions. So if by some subterfuge (for

which he is famous), he manages to effect the agreed-to changes in the Covenant, does anyone seriously believe this will significantly affect Israeli-Palestinian relations? DR. ZECHARIAH TILL

Jerusalem.

# **TYRANTS**

Sir, - The murder of Saddam Hussein's two sons-in-law (whose hands were tainted with blood and who were not much mourned) proves once again that one never. never trusts the word of a tyrant. No safe conducts, no promises, no treaties are meaningful. A tyrant relies on one method - tyranny. His power and his survival depend on it. The people's or country's welfare and economy are of little interest to the

Assad of Syria is cast in the same mold; he murdered 20,000 people in the north, subjugating his nation by brute force. His safe conducts, his word, his treaties are just as empty, just as ephemeral. A puff of wind

just as epinemen.
will blow them away.

JOE FRANKL Savyon.

## PREVENTION? Sir, - How does having soldiers

on the streets of Jerusalem prevent a repeat of an Arab, dressed as a soldier, getting onto a bus and blowing it up?

MICAL TRADER Jerusalem.

# RIGHT AND WRONG

Sir, - In "Beyond violence" (February 29), Daoud Kuttab writes that "releasing [Palestinian security] prisoners might be difficult for Israel, especially around elections, but it is certainly a prerequisite for a permanent cease-fire." Maybe it's just me, but this seems like a conditional threat. Release our prisoners. or we will blow up people on your buses. Kuttab's statement is no different from, for example, the Entebbe terrorists' demands. Negotiations with a Kuttab - not

an extremist in his society - are futile. Negotiations with people who hold his view are wrong, even if you think they are beneficial. Until recently, we knew these things. Not anymore. Now our justice minister seriously considers releasing Jews who have committed crimes against Arabs because he has already overseen the release of Arabs who have committed crimes against Jews. This is twisted. The reason it is hard to stomach releasing Arabs is not because it is unfair not to also release Jews, but because it is wrong to release the Arabs. Criminals are criminals. Right is the opposite of wrong. Lately, we have needed to be

reminded of these principles.

AVI SUSSMAN Riverdale, N.Y.

# **USED BOOKS**

Sir, - As in previous years, the Hillel Foundation at Haifa University is organizing its annual used-book fair which will take place during the month of May. The proceeds from the fair are donated to some needy educational or social activity in the

community.

If you have any used books in English or in Hebrew, we would appreciate your contributing them to the fair. Please contact us during morning hours at 04-824 0762 or

RABBI BERNARD OCH, Director, Hillel Foundation. Haifa University

# Sir, - I do not share the views

expressed in your editorial of March 1 that American isolationism is per se bad for Israel. The editorial asserts that only American prestige, and not the least money, will ensure peace in the Middle East. Nothing is set in stone that, without American financial aid, peace with Syria is impossible. It just means the terms will have to be different. Without American money, the negotiators may have to settle for more modest

SETTLE FOR REALITIES

Both sides adopt the attitude that they are like small children and thus unable to assume responsibility for their own well-being without an American parent. Israel is no longer an infant nation struggling for survival. Rather, it has become a regional, if not a transregional military and economic powerhouse. The loss of American financing means both sides will have to accept a more modest peace agenda on the ground.

Once it is clear America will not foot the tab for an "ideal" settlement, the parties will have to settle for realities. What choice is there as neither country is no longer a military client of a major power? Syria would be wise to settle quickly before the leaning of American public opinion towards isolationism is legitimized in a new administration. MARK I. KLEIN Berkeley, California.

# NEWSPAPER

DISTRIBUTION Sir, - While we deplore and denounce the crimes against innocent civilians, we hear Israeli leaders proclaiming that the closure of territories is not meant as a "collective punishment" against Palestinians, but a "collective security protection" for the Israelis.

How do you reconcile preventing newspapers published in Jerusalem from being distributed in the Gaza Strip with the statements of the Israel leaders?

ISAM R. SHAWWA

## SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Those other crucial

because most cases of rape either go unreported, or aren't identified If you have a daughter, the

chances of her being subjected to incest or other abuse in the coming year are also several times greater than those of her getting killed by a terrorist's bomb - and the chances that the man responsible will get any more than a symbolic punishment, if he is ever tried, are negligible.

'We can't go on like this,' people say. But they don't mean rape and abuse, or the carnage on our roads

NONE OF these facts and figures are secret.

Yet very few people out there are saying "We can't go on like this" and meaning the large number of dead and injured on the roads, rape, and other widespread

women, the murder of women by their husbands and boyfriends and child abuse at the top of their

And there are quite a few MKs who periodically raise the issue of the carnage on our roads (eight years ago MKs Uriel Lynn and Micha Harish jointly chaired a parliamentary commission of inquiry on the subject). Several MKs and former MKs have lost their lives in car crashes in the

past few years. But somehow the impact isn't

Nobody has called publicly for the transport minister to resign because over 600 people were killed on the roads last year and another 600 are likely to be killed over the next 12 months; or for the resignation of the labor minister because tens or even hundreds of thousands of women and children are abused every year. Would the situation be different

if all the drivers who cause accidents and all the abusers of women and children were Arabs? Excuse me for being cynical. The war against terror is crucial. But several other wars must also be waged if we really care about the lives and welfare of our peo-

ple, and not just about the contin-

uation or halting of the peace

process and the results of the next elections. Suppose we concentrate most of our human and financial resources on the war against terror (which is

Is that good enough?

The writer is a political scientist.

are at least six times greater than your chances of being killed or in fact what the government has wounded in an act of terror. The Strangely enough, it isn't chances of your being deliberately murdered by a fellow Jew are decided to do) but neglect those because there aren't any politicians willing to raise these issues, other wars. And suppose that the whether out of sincere concern, or war against terror is won - the the desire to make political hay If you are a woman, the chances number of Israelis who die each that you will be battered by your out of them. year of unnatural causes will be At least half of our women MKs husband are 2,000 times greater, reduced by a mere one-thouhave placed the issue of battered and the chances of your being sandth raped by someone you know or by

quite strong enough to describe Hamas terrorists, but it is still applicable. If all they are interested in is murdering innocent Jews. then they are simply bloodthirsty

But if, as we are constantly

The Labor Party has proven Besides the carnage, the main

Hamas. Palestinians who fail to con-

ing eventual independence.
The antonym of stupid is smart, lacking at the moment.

The response to the type of stupidity described here is courage. Courage to stand up to bigots and

The writer is a foreign policy

# Sting is now older, wiser and duller

TIRZAH AGASSI

TING, a legend in his own lifetime, is middle-aged and Content.

Gone is the angry young punk, but also gone, unfortunately, are the great hooks (remember "Free, free, set them free?") of his heyday. The mellow auteur of his latest album Mercury Falling is a bit of a snooze. Young bucks may find it downright intolerable, but many loyal listeners will probably be satisfied with this musical testament to slowing down.

Technically the album is as finely tuned as ever, mixing musical styles from R&B to Brazilian to Country, and each song does manage to say something relevant. The musical Western "I Hung My Head" deals with shame and contrition, issues that currently preoccupy Sting's freewheeling generation. And "I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying," which sketches a Sunday father breaking through his depression, will mean much to those who identify with it.

The first single, the gospely "Let Your Soul Be The Pilot" is all right, and given constant airplay, it might become a hit. Sting is not all washed up, but he's not exactly exciting or brimming over with profound wisdom.

The album's final song. "Lithium Sunset," is about a Brazilian shaman's observation that watching the sunset actually beams the chemical lithium into

A VILLAGE

By Yehoshua Sobol. Direction, Yvgenye Aryeh. Set, Alexander Lissanksi, Costumes, Anna Kruschova. Lighting, Bambi. Music, Avi Binyamin. Puppets, Esther Pecker. Hebrew title, Kfar. At the Gesber Theater, Old Jaffa

focused on a local theme and played in the origi-TITH this production,

nal Hebrew, Gesher finally estab-

lishes itself as Hebrew theater in

every sense. As to the rest, not

much has changed. If the set is less

powerful than in the past, the

direction is as always innovative,

the acting inspired, the teamwork

superb. The unfailing dedication of

this gifted ensemble holds together

what might otherwise prove a

Sobol's present work, a drama-

tized remembrance of things past

more than a play proper, oozes nostalgic charm but little more. It

progresses loosely in fits and starts

through a series of disjointed

episodes depicting village life in

Eretz Yisrael during World War II.

Missing is a strong central dynam-

ic. A visual substitute that gives the

action a semblance of coherence is

supplied with the novel use of an

continuously revolving catwalk, a

Yisrael Demidov

Leonid Kaniesyski

Nelly Gushava Boris Ochanov

Levana Finkelstein

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the brain. Lithium is prescribed for manic depressives in order to even out their mood swings. Sting's point here is that watching the sunset is nature's organic antidepressant. Unfortunately he neglects to notice that it also cuts into the sort of unwieldy mania which fueled the creative glory of his past.

INNER City Blues, The Music of Marvin Gave (Helicon) is a tribute to the late, great soul singer and composer, featuring many of today's noteworthy followers.

What stands out most as Bond "Save The Children." Neneh Cherry does "Trouble Man" and Madonna sings "I Want You," backed by Massive Attack, is how little the music has dated.

The problems Gave wrote about are still as relevant as they were in '71 when he released his masterpiece What's Going On. Even more striking is how much his soft, rolling, percussive sound has influenced the groove that dominates contemporary soul music.

Though there are plenty of fine performances here, from Nona Gaye's moving "Inner City Blues" to Boyz 11 Men's harmonious "Let's Get It On," nobody creates something new, and none of the would-be angels quite wrings your heart the way Marvin

Nonetheless, the first half of the

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

The dialogue, on the other hand,

is lyrical, full of laughter and tears,

as are the characters. First and

foremost is Yisrael Demidov's

Yossi. The ingenious smiling child

narrator is one of his most brilliant

roles. For his performance alone A

But out of 20 parts, there are another dozen that are almost as

outstanding. The virtuosity of the

actors is again on display. Boris

Ochanov, Leonid Kanievswki.

Nelly Gushava, Roland Chaya-

lovski, Vladimir Chelmisky,

Vladimir Vorobyov, Klementi

Kamanko and Marc Iwanir are

This is the second time that sabra

actors play side by side with the

original Russian cast. Their inclu-

sion seals the sense of Hebrew

authenticity that is the outstanding

quality of this play. Efrat Ben-Tzur

(Dassi) makes an enchanting vil-lage belle, Levana Finkelstein

(Rivka) is diverting as the eternal-

ly fussy mother as is Dorit Lev-Ari

(the Goat). Adi Etzion's singing

study of Dankeshone, the bizarre

yekke bag lady, is one of the gems

**VOYAGEUR IMMOBILE** 

Compagnie Philippe Genty (France). At the

of the evening.

strong in supporting parts.

clever direction concept.

Village has to be seen.



Rock elder Sting's mellow new album 'Mercury Falling,' lacks much of the creative sharpness of his earlier work.

album works well.

It's only on the sixth cut when Lisa Stansfield gets coy with "Just To Keep You Satisfied" that momentum drops. Then Stevie Wonder turns "Stubborn Kind of

IN 1990. Genty brought to the

Israel Festival a collage of magic.

mystery and visual imagery that

was the quintessence of Gallic

spirituality, ingenuity and wit. This

time around, his theatrical esthetic

and enameled elegance - if still

charged with poetry, imagination,

vision and fantasy - get bogged

down in the esoteric metaphors of

a genre that, like much contempo-

rary painting, is easier to define

The Voyageur Immobile plunges

the company into a surreal walka-

sand in a kind of Dada extravagan-

za. It is accompanied by multilin-

gual script and sound effects, opti-

cal illusions, puppetry and scenic

metamorphoses using gargantuan

excesses of shredded plastic, miles

of undulating phosphorescent

material, sophisticated lighting and

The trend is from precieux to

populaire, a departure from the

essentially exquisite to the brashly

bizarre, that smacks of showbiz

This applies only to part one.

which is totally theatrical. The

final episode is dance at its most

contemporary, with pure choreog-

raphy and faultless execution. It

amounts to an artistic achievement

probably unsurpassed on the dance

nightmarish cloning gimmicks.

than to digest.

panache.

Fellow" into a punchy Stevie Wonder song, breaking the mellow mood.

The earnest Sounds of Blackness try to pick up the pieces with "God Is Love (Mercy, Mercy Me)," but don't have the talent to touch the original. The idea of a tribute was a good

one, and the album is not bad at all, but one would do better to get a hold of Motown Classics'

What's Going On (Helicon), still the greatest soul opera that this reviewer has ever heard. What becomes a legend most?

The masterpieces that made them a legend in the first place.

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CONCERT ROUNDUP

Lutheran Redeemer Church,

RUSSIAN immigrant pianist Boris

Konovalov presented a purely

Romantic recital in the 'Friday

Noon Music from Ein Kerem

series, including works by Chopin,

5 A diminant characteristic of his

playing Chopin's Sonata No. 2, the

program's centerpiece, was its

gripping tempestuousness and

release of forceful energies, though

it was overstated at times and at the

His lyrical sensibilities,

expressed in the funeral march's

melodic passage, established the

required balance. Konovalov tends

to emphasize contrasts in a thor-

oughly pleasing manner, demon-

strated convincingly in Chopin's

Scherzo No. 2. The mazurkas, for

this pianist, were not so much

dances as aristocratic swift enter-

Peppery renditions of Rachmaninoff preludes were

tossed off with abandon and exu-

berant temperament. In Liszt's

Rhapsodie Espagnole he achieved

a brilliant virtuoso tour de force

This is a remarkably gifted artist

who has something to contribute to

the local music scene, and deserves

Targ Music Center, Jerusalem,

WHEN young violinist Chee-Yun

decided to dedicate her encore to

the memory of the victims of the

recent terror attacks and addressed

the audience in Hebrew there was-

n't a dry eye left in the house. And

when she went on to play that

encore, the largo from Bach's C

major violin sonata, it was as if she

Ury Eppstein

to be heard by wider audiences.

tainment pieces.

with dashing bravura.

March 8.

expense of subtle details.

Liste and Rachmaninoff.

Ury Eppstein

refreshing vitality

Jerusalem, March 2.

7ith the 14-minute Cycles (Ma'agalim, Israeli composer Rachel Galinne found a perfect and convincingly logical form. The piece offers a broad spectrum of original "events," as well as brilliant and

imaginative orchestration. Alternating between short, razorsharp orchestral outbursts and sustained yet extremely active sound planes. Cycles creates a steady build-up of tension, relieved only with the cleverly delayed final

It's highly satisfying that the IPO and the Austrian conductor Theodor Guschlbauer decided to with such a daring and unconventional, contemporary work.

To switch from Galinne to Chopin was rather difficult and had it not been for the truly ravishing beauty of Nikolai Demidenko's interpretation the played the Second Piano Concerto) we would undoubtedly have had great diffi-

culty adjusting.

The moment he completed the first Chopinesque arabesques of the first movement we were captured by such a sweet and caressing lyricism that the 30 minutes of the concerto passed painfully

Demidenko's approach to Chopin is unique. The music's super-romanticism is channeled into a formal framework which provides such a tight enclosure to Chopin's emotional and pianistic excesses, that almost all of the composer's inability to cope successfully with the big form seems obliterated.

After the intermission, with Saint-Saens's Symphony No. 3 ("Organ") everything changed. The 40 minutes of the symphony, with Guschlbauer on the podium. lasted 40 minutes too long.

Manu Auditorium, Tel Aviv.

Murch 6. Benjamin Bar-Am

EXCEPT for Bach, Elisabeth Roloff's organ recital at the Redeemer Church included littleknown works by late-19th-century French composers Guilmant and Dubois, and the contemporary

Among these. Eben was the most

pleasantly in a more conventional, unexciting, late-Romantic style. A more than habitual playfulness in organ music was displayed in Guilmant's Meditation No. 2 and

was weeping with us. This was music making that went directly from her very inner soul to the depths of our own emo-

tions, it was music making that

cried with those grieving and also

hoped for a better world. It was both angry and serene, dramatic and lyric. And it followed to perfection Chee-Yun's rendition of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, a warhorse of many a violinist. But needed quality in the genre. in contrast with the usual schmaltzy saccharine approach, Chee-Yun emphasized the pessimism and the agony of this piece.

Even more impressive than her full, round sound and perfect technique, was her interpretation which suggests a life experience much longer and deeper than her age.

Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra is the toughest test any orchestra can face and the Haifa Symphony did not pass it with distinction. Under music director Stanley Sperber's precise baton, the orchestra's finest section, i.e. the excellent winds, shone, while other sections were less impressive, resulting in a performance that suffered more often than not from an inner imbalance.

Haifa Auditorium, March 10. Michael Ajzenstadt

# Hey, kids, let's put on 12 shows

**HELEN KAYE** 

T the Haifa Children's Theater Festival "there's never a breath of scandal that's why we don't get the media exposure," observed Haifa Theater general manager Oded Kottler, beaming to show he didn't mean it.

The festival (the sixth), from April 6-9, takes place in and around the Haifa Theater with a grand total of 37 plays, entertainment events, street theater and a salute to veteran director/entertainer/singer Israel Gurion.

Twelve plays were chosen from among the 90-plus submitted, and seven of these will compete for some NIS 30,000 in prizes -including the NIS 12,000 Yaron Yerushalmi Prize for Best Play.

The competition plays include The Trolley Kids, a story about immigrants and survival by Goren Agmon, whose The Gang won her best playwright in 1994; The Kid Who Turned into an Egg. a comedy by Guy Hasson; Talma Aligon's Butterfly Story, about the adventures of three butterflies: and Zeev Shatzki's adaptation of Andersen's Thumbelina.

The Emperor's New Clothes choreographed by 1996 Israel Prize winner Moshe Efrati, performed by his Kol D'mama company and directed by Gurion - is one of five premieres at the festival and also inaugurates the salute to Gurion, who celebrates his 60th birthday and a 40-year-plus career in theater.

There's also among the new plays Itamar, the Dream Hunter based on David Grossman's book, and a mime play performed by a new immigrant from France, Fabrice Eveno, called The Man Who Wouldn't Turn. There are also guest plays, tabletop (puppet) plays and even school/workshop productions. The prize-winning Theatre Sans

works with life-size puppets and comes with The Crown of Destiny - a fanciful tale about a princess and a soundtrack to delight the whole family. No Strings' second play is

Fil (No Strings), from Montreal,

Washing Day, which features an old couple and laundry with a mind of its own. This year, to encourage sorely

there's a prize for street theater. There are seven different local productions - including shows by the Arma and Zitzland theaters, both Acre Festival veterans. Rounding out the street theater

Hauliers from Belgium, a trio and pair respectively, and The Miner, a clown show by Kevin Brooking - who won first prize at Europe's Circus of Tomorrow international competition.

The budget is meager (when compared with other festivals) -NIS 1.5 million, of which NIS 880,000 comes from the Haifa Municipality. Each play will be presented between four and seven times. The tickets cost between NIS 35 and NIS 45, and are already on sale.

# Spanish dance fest feels right at home in Tel Aviv

OW Spanish dance has taken root in Israel was taken root in island blazoned at the gala ending of the "three days of flamen-co" at the Suzanne Dellal at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv (March 9). This year marked the second such competition.

For one thing no less a star than Cristina Hoyos came, not only to teach and judge but also to perform. For another, she was partnered by four striking male dancers - called the Trajana company - and by two strong traditional singers and two guitarists, who all coordinated their dazzling performance as to the manner born.

Even those who remember Hoyos dancing with Gades in Blood Wedding or when she came with her own company, may have been taken by surprise and also delighted when she showed that all her skills and power, her fire and flame, her duende" both in solo or in partnership, remained as strong as

## DANCE REVIEW DORA SOWDEN

ever - and all wonderfully timed with the dancers and the musi-

It was a night to remember generous in its length, stimulated by a packed, highly enthusiastic audience, and also rich in

BOTH the Tel Aviv Dance Theater (directed by Boni Pia) and the Jerusalem Dance Theater (directed by Tamara Mielnik) gave anniversary performances last week: one at the Suzanne Dellal Theater (March 2), to celebrate the group's first year in being, and the other at the Gerard Behar Theater (in Jerusalem, March 6) for its 10th anniversary.

It would have been pleasant to say that the Tel Aviv performance of live works by five choreographers was a five-star event, but only two were beyond a "good try" grade of workshop

Pia's Second Chance was notable for poetic, innovative movement of unusual eloquence. Noa Dar's duet for two frolicsome young dancers was

both charming and witty. Worth developing further was choreographer Iris Lana's adventure with a clothes line an interesting idea, but one in need of much more develop-

The Jerusalem repeat of Coppelia, cleverly adapted by Yacov Lifschitz to the needs and size of the company, had professional dancers in its leading roles - the bright and perky Swanilda and the rather weakminded Franz.

However, even though in the days of Arthur St. Leon's immortal ballet the use of mime was paramount, here the performers overdid the use of

Czech composer Peter Eben.

imaginative and original. In his "Fantasia II" from Sunday Music. two strongly opposing elements created a sharp, even dramatic contrast - an energetic, forceful, exuberant eruption versus a calm. meditative, soothing response. His more mature David's Dance

before the Ark of the Covenant (1992) develops from a soft, contemplative opening to intense, expressive utterances, more reminiscent of a solemn liturgical dance than of the commonly supposed joyous motions. These pieces make one look forward to Eben's planned visit here next year. Dubois's Toccata proceeded

even more lightheartedly so in his Scherzo Symphonique. Roloff conjured up a more lively than ponderous Bach in his Dorian

toccata and fugue, and conveyed the grandeur of this magnificent musical edifice. The newer pieces were rendered with zest and

# **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

## THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK WEEK CHARTS VARIOUS ARTISTS RABIN - GOODBYE FRIEND 10 VARIOUS ARTISTS NICK CAVE OASIS MADONNA FILM SOUND TRACK ARKADI DUCHIN SIVAN SHAVIT VARIOUS ARTISTS SADE HABIN — GOODISYE FRIEND MURDER BALLADS SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA ARKADI DUCHIN THIS BLUE-GRAY LIGHT WALKING IN A DREAM SESTORE BEST OF GREATEST HITS ABBA VANGELIS VANGELIS VOICES STING BEST OF RITA GRAND LOVE FILM SOUND TRACK ASSAF AMADURSKY Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE - re-entry

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# Legrand will conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, while Zukerman will perform in tandem

The walls will come alive with the sound of music — and much more — on June 24. Michele Legrand, Charles Aznavour, Claude

Lelouch and Pinchas Zukerman are just a few of the internationally renowned stars who will gather by the walls of Jerusalem's Old City, between the Tower of David and Sultan's Pool, in a special multimedia outdoor event titled "Touching the Wall - Touching the

Jerusalem spectacular is planned for June with 30 young violinists from all over the world. Shlomo Gronich will conduct 500 singers and more surprises are still in store.

Another highlight will be a 40-minute firework display, choreographed by Italian Giovanni Panazera. Three thousand tickets, at \$100-\$300 a pop, will go on sale. A non-paying audience of 100,000 is also

expected. Proceeds go to the ongoing project of lighting major Jerusalem sites and towards the benefit of IDF Michael Ajzenstadt

LIAT COLLINS AND JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday vehemently attacked the Knesset House Committee's decision on MKs pension rights, demanding in a letter to Prime Minister Shimon Peres that the coalition leadership convene to discuss the issue.

The committee accepted the recommendations of the Rosen-Zvi Report to reduce MKs' accumulated pensions rights from four percent to 2% of their annual rights, but to include car allowance in the pensionable

The committee also recom-

mended offering four months' severance pay and postponing MKs' pensionable age from 40 to 45, while allowing an MK who finishes before age 45 to carry on collecting pension points.

Shohat said the inclusion of car allowance could increase the pensionable income by NIS 3,880 a month of some 1,700 senior civil servants whose salaries are linked to those of the MKs.

Members of the Rosen-Tvi committee threatened to withdraw the report in its entirety unless this clause was accepted along with the other recommendations.

# **Provident fund** redemptions decline

Public redeemed NIS 392m. in February

THE public last month redeemed an aggregate NIS 392 million from provident funds, the Treasury reported yesterday, but bankers said the decline from January's NIS 596m. indicated that the transfers from provident funds to shekel deposits has

Bankers forecast that provident fund redemptions will continue to drop in March, after suffering from a flight continuously since January 1995.

According to the bankers, poor rields have led savers to leave the funds and invest in shekel deposits - which achieved real yields of 5%-6% last year.

They emphasized that the with-drawals have hit the entire capital

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market, especially the mutual

Training funds (kranot hishtalmut) continued to expand, growing to NIS 70m. in February from

NIS 38m. in January. Since the start of the year, net redemptions for training funds and provident funds have totaled NIS 881m.

Bank saving programs accumu-lated NIS 67m. last month, compared with NIS 365m. in January and NIS 256m. in December. Since the start of the year, savers have pulled out a total of NIS 433m.

One banker said withdrawals from saving programs are seasonal, reflecting the situation on the capital market two years ago, when savings were withdrawn and invested in new plans.

The bankers said the drop in saving deposits also reflects some savers' fears to deposit their capital in a long-term plan before the

Index-linked programs brought in NIS 200m. last month, com-pared with NIS 487m. in January and NIS 436m. in December. Foreign currency-linked saving programs continued to register withdrawals as a result of the

weakness of the dollar. Savers withdraw NIS 133m. compared with withdrawals of NIS 121m. in January and NIS

179m. in December.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Unions planning strike on Sunday over pension crisis: The large Unions planning strike on Sunday over pension crisis: The large unions have called a massive 24-hour strike for next Sunday and Wednesday, unless the Finance Ministry amends the government's new pension plan. The strikes, which have been repeatedly post-poned, will encompass Bezeq, El Al, the Airports Authority, TAAS-poned, will encompass Bezeq, El Al, the Airports Authority, TAAS-listael Industries, the Israel Aircraft Industries, high schools, the Israel Aircraft Industries, high schools, the Israel Industries, the Israel Autorant industries, ingn schools, the Nuclear Research Center, the Weizmann Institute, Zim, Egged's hired employees, Nesher (cement plant), Haifa Chemicals, Carmel Ulpinim, the Oil Refineries and the Dead Sea Works.

The unions warned yesterday that if these strikes fail to achieve the

Treasury's agreement to their demands, they would consider sharper steps, up to calling a general strike which would paralyze the entire economy. "The finance minister has had enough time to do some thing since the Histadrut presented it with our calculations and demands, but it isn't moving" a spokesman for the unions' action committee said yesterday.

The new pension plan was formulated by the government and the Histadrut about a year ago, following estimates of a \$100 billion actuary deficit in the pension funds' accounts.

Michal Yudelman

Poland's Kredyt Bank issue one-third oversubscribed: The new issue of 7.5 million shares of Polish Kredyt Bank SA was oversubscribed by 32.6 percent, the bank's president said.

Stanislaw Pacuk told a news conference that Belgium's Kredietbank NV, which earlier agreed to take up to 10% of Kredyt Bank's shares. had its bid reduced and took 1.4 million shares. The stake represents 7.5% of Kredyt Bank's equity after the capital increase.

# Changes in FEPZ bill completed

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday completed a series of amendments to the Free Export Processing Zone Law and sent the bill to the plenum for its second and third readings.

The goal is to finish legislating the changes before the Knesset recesses in two weeks.

The amendment, unanimously approved by the committee yesterday, eases one of the restrictions in the original bill, which had stated that anyone who already owns a business in Israel would not be allowed to open a business in the FEPZ.

Since the zone will offer investors a wide range of tax benefits, this provision penalized anyone who had already invested

## **EVELYN GORDON**

The amendment states that people who already own a business here can start a company in the FEPZ as well, on condition that the zone business operates in a different field than the existing Israeli company.

retired judge and two Treasury officials will be set up to deter-mine whether the fields are sufficiently different. The requirement that the busi-

A committee consisting of a

nesses operate in different fields is meant to prevent investors from simply relocating existing Israeli

The committee had previously approved two other major changes in the law, which will

also be brought up for second and third readings soon.

One change was to reduce the franchisee's power over the zone. The original law stated that the zone's affairs would be governed by a council consisting of six government representatives and seven representatives of the franchisee.

The new bill replaces the franchisee's representatives with seven business sector representatives chosen by a public commis-

The amendment also limits enterprises set up to serve the zone industries, such as banks and restaurants, to three percent of the total area of the zone, to avoid a situation in which numerous service industries compete with their counterparts outside the zone.

# Montgomery Securities sends delegation to check investment possibilities here

US INVESTORS' strong appetite for Israeli growth companies is not hindered by their location here, Joseph Schell, senior managing director of US investment bank Montgomery Securities, said vesterday.

A delegation of Montgomery's senior managers arrived here at the start of this week to examine investments in the technology and health care field.

The managers are the guests of Jerusalem Global Consultants, an investment banking and consulting services firm that caters to technology companies.

Schell said his firm plans to visit 34 different companies, including leaders in the venture capital market, public companies, and private firms that hope to go public in the

"We hope to underwrite another two or three public offerings [of Israeli companies] in 1996," he

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The company's activities are focused on four industry sectors technology; consumer services and products; heath care; and financial services and real estate.

Montgomery IPOs raised \$8.8 billion in the 1990s, comprising an average of 26% of all equity

According to Schell, US cash availability targeted for investments in growth companies has never been higher. He said economic indicators

show there will be strong equity capital throughout the year. Schell also said Montgomery plans to establish business rela-

tions with high quality Israeli firms in the technology and health fields in an attempt to repeat the success of Haifa-based ESC Medical, which went public on Nasdaq at the end of January.

Shares of ESC, which manufacturers medical devices utilizing pulsed light source technology for non-invasive treatment of varicose veins and other lesions, opened at \$15, and by the end of February were up to \$32.

Montgomery and Jerusalem Global Consultants handled ESC's initial public offering. "We think that in Israel compa-

nies are particularly interested in health care and technology," Schell said, adding that US investors' strong appetite for local companies is also a result of the success of certain previous Israeli offerings in the US. Health-care firms have had the

most impressive after market performances in US markets, achieving over a 120% price appreciation. Technology firms have had appreciation of over 20%.

Economic growth, increasing political stability, plus strong political, economic, and social ties between the US and Israel, have also encouraged investors to

Montgomery expressed fear that companies that aren't ready for the market will go public soon due to the high competition creat-ed as a result of new American investment banks' recent entry into the Israeli market. "Our desire is to do two or three

offerings a year, not five or six, and to be judged according to success," Schell said. "It will be a net deterrent to Israel to have 17 Israeli firms on the market and only half of them successful. It is much better to have only 11 and for all of them to be successful."

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In addition to the sum paid for the land, the successful bidder will also pay:

- Infrastructure expenses to the Industrial Buildings Co. Ltd., linked to the residential building index for January

- Deposit for the infrastructure fees to the Tel Aviv Municipality, linked to the consumer's index for January 1996.

- Electricity infrastructure costs, to the Electrical Corporation, linked to its price list, updated to January 1996.

The ILA and Tel Aviv Municipality reserve the right to accept or reject any offer, including the highest, according

The ILA reserves the right not to accept any offer if there are no successful bidders for the above tenders.

The tender booklet will be available from March 14, 1996, on submission of a Postal Bank receipt, showing that NIS 100 for each booklet (three booklets, including VAT - cash only) has been paid into the Administration's account no. 0-24180-0. The booklet will be available at the Administration's Tel Aviv Region office, 116 Derech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv (Beit Kaika), Tel. 03-5638111, during regular working hours, until 12 noon on November 15,

The Sefer Hashechuna, Appendix 10, forms an integral part of the tender documents is available at the above address, on submission of a receipt from Hamizzahi Bank, Carlebach Branch, Tel Aviv, showing that NIS 1,000 (including VAT - cash only) has been paid into the Industrial Structure's account no. 437815, for each booklet. A bank check or bank guarantee for the amount shown in the table must be attached to the bid. Last date for submitting bids: May 1, 1996 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

This notice is for information only, and does not obligate the Administration or the Ministry in any way - neither with regard to its contents, nor with regard to dates mentioned. The binding terms are those given in the tender booklet.

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# **Electra Consumer Goods posts**

ELECTRA Consumer Goods posted a 118 percent increase in annual net profits last year to NIS

Annual revenues went up to NIS 1 billion from NIS 700.5m., while earnings per share rose to NIS 3.20 from NIS 1.64.

# 118% increase in net profits

55.5 million from NIS 25.5m. in 1994.

Fourth quarter net profits jumped to NIS 6.5m. from NIS 2.27m. during the same period in

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COMPANY RESULTS RACHEL NEIMAN

Revenues went up to NIS 219.8 from NIS 170.38m. Sales and service to the local market accounted for 45% of all revenue.

Exports and trade abroad meanwhile, accounted for 55%. Industrial activity accounted for 81% of sales, while 19% came

from trade and services. The company is a subsidiary of Elco Holdings. It represents such appliance

Lucky Goldstar, Whirlpool, Miele and Philips.

Taldor Computers posted annual net profits of NIS 876,000. compared with net losses of NIS

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3.8m. in 1994. Revenues rose to NIS 134.11m. from NIS 26.6m.

Revenues on installations went up to NIS 35.8m. from NIS 26.67m. in 1994.

Increased revenues, due in part to the business of subsidiary Eldor, included NIS 74.6m. on hardware sales and NIS 23.6m. on services and support. Taldor completed its acquisition

of Eldor last year. Taldor's share in losses incurred by software house Educoncept

were NIS 1.3m. Until December 31, 1995 Taldor owned 70% of software house Educoncept. Last month, Educoncept raised

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with net profits of NIS 11.9m. in Revenues fell to NIS 168.98m. from NIS 173.5m.

The company experienced a one-time loss of NIS 23.4m., the result of a cancellation of capital reserve as part of internal accounting.

Urdan pointed out that without the loss, annual net profits were NIS 1.8m.

Maxima Air Separation reported an increase in annual net profits to NIS 4.4m. from NIS 2.2m. in 1994. Revenues fell to NIS 31.66m. from NIS 32.56m., while earnings

per share increased to NIS 0.68

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# Concern over Dow pushes indexes lower

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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## Two-Sided index

THE indexes fell for a fourth straight session yesterday amid concern US stocks would continue the slide that began on Friday.

Investors are "waiting for Wall
Street," said David Rosenberg.

chief of research at Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. In addition, the government

posted an 18 percent wider trade deficit for February, and retirement funds reported redemptions for the month, Rosenberg said. The most active stock on the

exchange was Koor Industries Ltd. down 0.75% on NIS 5 million of shares traded.

Koor's American Depository Receipts traded in New York, each representing 0.2 shares traded here, fell 1/4 Friday to 19 3/4.

Maof index

Another closely watched stock that trades in both cities, Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd., slipped 1% in Tel Aviv.

On Friday, US stocks suffered their worst drop since November 1991, as a surge in job growth dashed expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest

rates soon. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 171.24, or 3%, to

The Maof Index finished down 0.37% to 212.41, and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.47% to 202.36. More than NIS 77.5m. worth

of shares traded, 6% less than the month's average of NIS 82.4m. More than two and a half shares fell for each one that rose.

# Sigh of relief in Europe

# WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - British shares finished lower but well above their worst levels, as fears of a sharp slide on Wall Street failed to materialize. The FTSE 100 index closed 35.8 points down at 3,674.5, after an earlier low of 3,629.1.

FRANKFURT - The stock market dropped 2.5 percent by the end of floor trade after Friday's tumble on Wall Street, but

dealers said the worst was over and the market showed signs of stabilizing in later trade.

The blue-chip DAX index ended bourse trade 61.33 points lower at 2,407.79, up from a session low of 2,400.54.

PARIS - Shares closed 1.35% lower after a nail-biting day filled with worries about further Wall Street losses ended with some

# Dow soars 110 points

# WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The stock market snapped back on fast-paced buying yesterday as Wall Street viewed Friday's plunge as overdone.

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Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial points, or two percent, at Stock Exchange.

Friday's drop of 171 points in the Dow was its third-biggest point loss ever. In the broader market, advanc-

ing issues beat declines by a 2-1 margin on active volume of 451 million shares on the New York

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Knesset list, they could not back

out without losing credibility. "No more obstacles remain, although various small points need going over," said MK Ariel Shar-

on, who brokered the deal. "But the united ticket is now a fact, and it will help create the momentum to replace this government with a much better one."

Meanwhile, the Knesset House Committee formally accepted the request by David Levy and David Magen to form a new Knesset faction, "Gesher - the national social movement."

The Likud Knesset faction now numbers 29, following the Gesher breakaway and Ephraim Gur's resignation. Liat Collins contributed to this

report.

# **SUMMIT**

(Continued from Page 1) erage and to bring about Peres's success in the elections. Likud secretariat head Yehoshua Matza said the conference

should be judged by its results. The US said it was delighted with the promised turnout for the summit, which includes the 15nation European Union. The EU, whose views fre-

quently vary from those of the US, heads to the summit clutching a common position that falls short of what Washington wants. Washington, for example,

seeks a complete shutdown of ties with Iran, which it says is behind much of the region's violence. The EU called on Iran, which

has not been invited to the summit, to condemn "terrorism" once and for all or see the links Teheran seeks with Europe suffer.

The US administration yester-day pronounced itself "encouraged" by this statement.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher hosted a luncheon for EU ambassadors to discuss, in part, Iran's support for Hamas and its celebration of the recent bombings in Israel.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters that Christopher was planning to

convey to the envoys that the US was "so glad to see that the EU leaders enunciated over the weekend support for the State of Israel and for Yasser Arafat and the fight against terrorism, but also for the criticism leveled by the EU against Iran and Libya for the connections that we believe

are apparent for everyone to see

between those countries and Middle East terrorist groups." Christopher plans to stay in Israel after Clinton ends his visit on Thursday to hold additional meetings with Israeli officials, a US official said.

The US official said of Christopher: "He is planing to stay to complete some of the business related to the work the president

is accomplishing here." He said Christopher would stay in Israel "about 24 hours" after

the president. Israel Television said Christopher, his aides, and security experts would discuss cooperation in fighting terrorism and the peace process with the

Palestinians. Syria meanwhile decided yesterday it would not attend the Mubarak broke the news that

Syrian President Hafez Assad \*has his own views ... I am sure that he is not coming.'

# Maccabi TA back on top

MACCABI Tel Aviv didn't need Western Union to send a powerful message to the rest of the National Basketball League last night. Its convincing 86-69 home victory over Hapoel Jerusalem spoke volumes, and the message was clear. when it comes to the league. we're still No. 1.

Outplaying Jerusalem (14-3) in every facet of the game, Maccabi (15-1) quickly turned the Game of the Year into the Shame of the Year for Jerusalem, led by point guard Oded Katash's 22 points and a superb contribution by Brad Leaf and Motti Daniel off the

The victory was particularly important for Maccabi. Not only did they regain first place from Jerusalem, perhaps for good, but they also moved a step closer to capturing the home-court advantage in the playoffs should they hold on to the top spot. Maccabi can pad its advantage at the top Thursday night when it plays against former coach Ralph Klein's fading Hapoel Eilat side

in a make-up game. Perhaps if Jerusalem captain Adi Gordon had been at his best physically, the result might have been different, but truth be told, even a healthy Gordon would not have been able to stop Maccabi last night. Hustling for every loose ball, coach Zvi Scherf's

club seemed to simply want the game more, and their enthusiasm paid off as they erased any memories of their 97-77 loss to Jerusalem earlier this season at

Gordon's hamstring pull limited his mobility, and Gershon decided early on not to play to Jerusalem's strength, its running game. Instead, his club tried to play a patient offense, and it worked for a while. with the visitors taking a 20-17 lead midway through the first half.

Enter the Minutemen, Maccabi reserves Leaf and Daniel. Inserted into what was becoming a stagnant Maccabi line-up, the pair quickly energized their team-mates, and Tel Aviv reeled off a 16-2 sport that essentially decided

While Jerusalem took bad shot after bad shot, Maccabi moved the ball around at will, sometimes finding Katash, other times getting the ball to Leaf. After Radisav Curcic fed Tom Chambers beautifully underneath and Daniel scored on a steal, Katash hit a three to give Maccabi

Jerusalem, having scored just four points in 10 minutes, largely because of the fine defense played on former Maccabi foreigner Norris Coleman and their own bad shot selection, came back to 36-29. But then Katash took the wind out of their sails by hitting a jumper at the buzzer that the refs allowed despite the fact televised replays showed it should have been disallowed. Clearly, it was not going to be Jerusalem's night. Jerusalem dug an even bigger hole for itself by allowing early

second-half baskets by Curcic and Chambers. With their three-point game completely off, Hapoel's offense continued to sputter. Gordon showed some flashes of brilliance to bring them with seven with 15 minutes left. moments after However. Coleman's fourth foul, the calm. confident Katash nailed another bomb and Chambers completed a three-point play for the knockout punch that gave Maccabi its biggest lead of the night, 59-41,

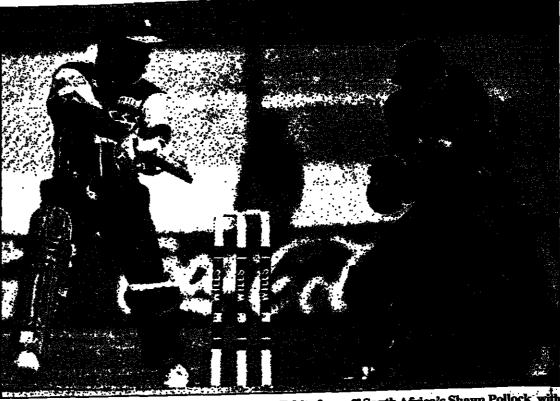
with 10:30 remaining.
To Jerusalem's credit, they didn't fold, with Coleman and Gordon finally coming alive to bring them back to within 10 with just over three minutes left.
Re-enter the Minutemen.
Summoned by Scherf to put the
final nail in Jerusalem's coffin, Leaf and Daniel proved up to the task, with Leaf sparking several fast breaks that let Maccabi beat Jerusalem at its own running game and had Maccabi fans at packed Yad Eliahu on their feet.

For Scherf, the victory was particularly sweet due to his ongoing personal fend with Gershon. Jerusalem's loss was largely attributable to almost no production from its bench, with Doron Shefa turning in another disappointing performance. Coleman scored just 15 and was in foul trouble most of the game, while Billy Thompson added 16.

If they are to seriously chal-lenge Maccabi for the crown this year, they will have to play much better than this, Gordon's injury not withstanding. Chambers had 17 for Maccabi, while Doron Jamchee added 14, including two important three-pointers in the second half that helped nip Jerusalem comeback attempts in the bud. It may be early to declare

Maccabi league champs yet, but based on how they played last night, league officials should certainly start measuring them for

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TO THE BOUNDARY - West Indies Brian Lara (I) hits four off South Africa's Shaun Pollock with

# Waugh, Lara tons give Aussies, Windies semi showdown

# Devils extend unbeaten streak to 8

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - The New Jersey Devils extended their unbeaten streak to eight games with a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers Sunday on an overtime goal by Steve Thomas -

or was it Bill Guerin? New Jersey got a power play 2:33 into the extra session when Philadelphia defenseman Kjell Samuelsson was whistled for high-sticking. Guerin was in the slot when Phil Housley fired a slap shot from between the points.

Guerin deflected down the shot and Garth Snow made the initial

LONDON (Reuter) 30:05Wasses

skipper Lawrence Dallaglio, still a

novice at international level, has

become the early favorite to suc-

The most successful skipper ever of the national side

announced on Sunday he would

resign as captain after Saturday's

final Five Nations' match against

Carling's decision, which

appeared to come as a complete

surprise to coach Jack Rowell,

highlights not only the divisions

in the England camp but also the

captain my country in due

"I am ambitious. I would like to

"But nobody in the England

squad is looking beyond giving Will the best send-off possible in

the shape of that triple crown. And

there is a lot of rugby to be played

this season and next before we

Before the northern season

began Tim Rodber and Ben

Clarke would have been the lead-

ing captaincy candidates with Bath leader Phil de Glanville

But Rodber's form has slumped

sharply since last year's World Cup and he is not currently able to

command a place in the England

side while Clarke floundered when Carling left the field with concussion against Wales. De

Glanville is a natural leader but he

has been unable to force his way

announced in a Sunday newspa-

per, stunned Rowell who appar-

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was going to relinquish his posi-

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But wing Rory Underwood, the

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said the announcement had been

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"It is a stunning piece of news

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**Carling** 

save, but Guerin wristed the puck in with Thomas also trying to bat

it in with 75 seconds left in OT. Thomas was credited with the goal. But he and Guerin agreed that it was credited wrongfully. "I knew it was my goal," said

Guerin. "I gave it the last whack and I saw it go in. I knocked down the shot from the point into the goalie's pad and it came right back on my stick. The puck was on my stick when Thomas took a whack at my stick and I pushed the puck in with my stick.

"You know when it goes off

"He had told some of us before

he made the announcement and

mentioned it a couple of times

over the years," Underwood said. "Eight years is a long time."

on Sunday that he believed the

time had now come to step down

as captain although he still hoped

to continue as a player

setting myself.

Cup final in 1991.

Carling told a news conference

"I go out on my own terms," he

"I don't know how difficult it

said. "There comes a time to

depart and I go out when I believe

will be to play under someone

else if I am chosen next season but

that is one final challenge I am

Since assuming the leadership

at the tender age of 22, Carling

has led 58 times for 43 victories

including Five Nations' grand

slams in 1991, 1992 and 1995. He

also took England to the World

But the past 10 months have

been turbulent both on and off the

field for the fiery 30-year-old cen-

Last May he was first sacked

then reinstated after calling the

Rugby Football Union committee

'57 old farts" in a television inter-

England endured mixed for-

tunes at the World Cup in South Africa, defeating 1991 champions Australia in the quarter-finals

before being humiliated by New

Zealand in the semifinals and los-

ing the third-place playoff to

Rowell did not co-exist in perfect

the professional era, has separated

from his wife after only 15

months' marriage following a

much-publicized friendship with

the Princess of Wales.

Smashnova out in Indian Wells

**HEATHER CHAIT** 

ANNA Smashnova went down to the eighth seed Mary Joe Fernandez of the US on Sunday in the second round of the Indian Wells (Ca.) tour-

Smashnova produced some spunky shots in the second set, while play-

ing in the sweltering hear of 47C, but could not match Fernandez's over-

Eyal Ran (164 in the world) had a quick exit in the same tournament, losing in the first round of the qualifying rounds in straight sets to Alex

In the finals of the second stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in

The third leg of the men's satellite continues today in Jaffa as well as

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

Jaffa yesterday, second seed Ignacio Truyol of Italy (225) upstaged the

top seed Swedish Lars Jonsson (192) 7-6(7/3), 3-6, 6-0.

Suspicions that Carling and

I am playing as well as ever.

your stick or not."

Philadelphia is two points behind the Florida Panthers for third place in the Eastern Conference and the Devils moved into sixth place, two ahead of the Washington Capitals. Red Wings 5, Jets 2

Steve Yzerman had two goals and Nicklas Lidstrom set up a pair of scores as visiting Detroit became the first NHL team this season to win 50

The Red Wings (50-12-4) have a club-record 104 points, 18 more than their closest competitor, the Colorado Avalanche. Detroit extended its win-ning streak to four games and needs just 13 points in its final 16 games to clinch the President's Trophy for the league's best overall record. Mighty Ducks 3, Kings 2

Paul Kariya scored the tying and game-winning goals and Guy Hebert stopped 31 shots as the surging Mighty Ducks edged visiting Los Angeles, snapping their season-high three-game winning streak.

Sunday's Games: Tampa Bay 1, Washington 0 San Jose 6, Buffalo 4 Boston 4, Florida 1 Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2 New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 2 (OT) Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2.



WILL POWER - England Rugby Union captain Will Carling steps down.

MADRAS, India (Reuter) - Mark Waugh became the first player to hit three centuries in one World Cup as he propelled favorites Australia to an emphatic sixwicket victory over New Zealand in their day-night quarter-final yesterday.

Australia will now face West Indies, who beat South Africa by 19 runs yesterday, in a semifinal in Mohali, India on Thursday. The first semifinal will pit Sri Lanka against India in Calcutta tomor-

Waugh struck 110 off 112 deliveries, winning the man of the match award for the outstanding innings in a resolute Australian batting performance that took them to a victory target of 287 with 13 balls to spare.

New Zealand, lifted by a mag-

nificent 130 from all-rounder Chris Harris and 89 by captain Lee Germon, scored 286 for nine in their 50 overs but could not contain Australia's batsmen with a bowling attack weakened by

injury.
Waugh's hundred followed three-figures scores against Kenya and India in the group games. Only West Indian Viv Richards and Pakistan's Ramiz Raja have scored three World Cup centuries, but those milestones were spread over more than one tournament.

Waugh's innings took him to a record aggregate for any World Cup of 472 runs, one more than the previous highest by England's Graham Gooch in 1987.

Waugh put on 86 for the fourth wicket with brother Steve, who went on to make an unbeaten 59 and sealed victory in an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 76 off 9.3 overs with Stuart Law, who was 42 not out.

Missing two main pace bowlers in Danny Morrison and Gavin Larson through injury, New Zealand used off-spinner Dipak Patel as an opening bowler, and the gamble paid off in the sixth over when he had captain Mark Taylor caught by Germon behind the stumps for 10.

Ricky Ponting joined Mark Waugh and quickly showed the fluency he displayed in scoring a century against West Indies in Australia's final qualifying

He stroked four boundaries in scoring 31 but then went on the sweep against Shane Thomson and substitute Robert Kennedy took a fine running catch low

Australia was then 84 for two with 20 overs bowled and in a move to increase the run rate, Taylor sent in Shane Warne to use the long handle. It was inspired as Warne twice hit Harris for six over mid-wicket and his 14-ball 24 gave the innings the impetus it

Mark Waugh made sure it was not wasted, hitting two sixes and six fours as he raced past his century before being caught off another attempted six by Adam Parore. South Africa-West Indies

An effortless century from Brian Lara and decisive spin bowling by

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Fall of wickets: 1-42 2-180 3-210 4-214 5-227 6-230 7-230 8-254. Did not bat: C.Walsh. Bowling: Policick 9-0-46-0, Matthews 10-0-42-1, Cronie 3-0-17-0, McMillen 10-1-37-2, Symcox 10-0-64-2, Adams 8-0-45-2

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Total (all out 49.3 overs) 245

Fell of wickets: 1-21 2-118 3-140 4-186 5-196 6-196 7-198 8-227 9-228 Bowling: Ambrose 10-0-29-1, Walsh 8-0-49-1, Bishop 5.3-0-34-0, Harper 10-0-47-4, Adams 10-0-52-3, Arthurion 6-0-29-1

Men of the metch: Brian Lara (West Indies) Result: West Indies won by 19 runs

Jimmy Adams and Roger Harper took West Indies to a thrilling 19-run World Cup quarter-final victory over South Africa yesterday in Madras,

Lara stroked 111 to spur West Indies to 264 for eight in their 50 overs, though they would have envisaged a bigger score after reaching 210 South Africa, fired by a fluent 54

from opener Andrew Hudson and a dashing 69 by Daryll Cullinan, were well placed at 186 for three, only to lose four wickets for 10 runs. Adams, whose left-arm spin brought him three wickets, and offspinner Harper, who took four wick-

ets, swung the game firmly West Indies way, with South Africa being dismissed for 245 in 49.3 overs. Lara, who scored his runs off-94 deliveries and Chanderpaul, contributing 56 in a worthy supporting role, had set up West Indies for a formidable total

with a second wicket stand of 138

from 95 balls. Yet when off-spinner Pat Symcox, whom Lara had struck for five fours in Cone over, had the last word by getting the Trimidadian left-hander caught in the deep, West Indies fell away.

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Total (for nine wickets 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-16 3-44 4-212 5-227 6-242 7-259 8-283 9-286 7-299 8-203 9-209-Bowling: Reifiel 4-0-38-1 (1w.2nb), Fleming 5-1-20-1, McGraft 9-2-50-2 (1nb), M.Waugh 8-0-43-1, Warne 10-0-52-2 (1w), Beven 10-0-52-1 (1w.1nb), S.Waugh 4-0-25-0.

AUSTRALIA AUSTRALIA
M.Taylor c Germon b Patel 10
M.Waugh c Parore b Nash 110
R.Ponting c sub b Thomson 31
S.Warne low b Astle 24
S.Waugh not out 59
S.Law not out 42
Extras (b-1, lb-6, w-3, nb-3) 13
Total (flor four wickets 47.5 overs) 289
Did not bat M.Beven, I.Healy, G.McGrath, P.Reiffel, D.Fleming. D.Fleming. Fall of wickets: 1-19 2-84 3-127 4-213. Bowling: Nash 9-7-44-7 (1w,1nb), Patel 8-0-45-1, Caims 6.5-0-51-0, Harris 10-0-41-0 (2nb), Thomson 8-0-57-1 (1w), Astle 3-0-21-1 (1w),

Men of the match: Mark Waugh (Australia). Result: Australia won by six wickets.

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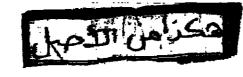
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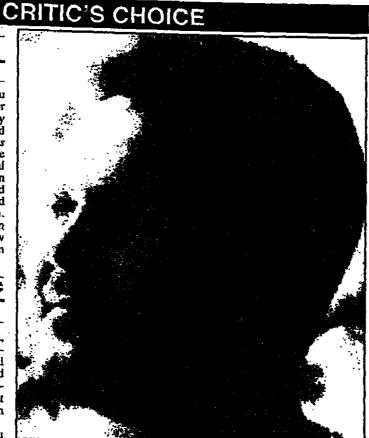
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## RUTH KERN

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## FILM

## ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* BLUE IN THE FACE - Billed as a companion piece to last year's Smoke, this new film by Wayne Wang and Paul Auster is more of a footnote to the original. It's a breezy compendium of improvised schmooze sessions, all-star cameos, and comic man-on-the-street surveys, designed to flesh out the supporting cast of the first movie and to honor, as one interviewee puts it, "the hippest of all the boroughs," Brooklyn. What results, not surprisingly, is a decidedly mixed bag: a patchy work that gets away with a great deal of silliness - even shoddiness - by dint of its gusto and playful atmosphere. On the one hand, we're treated to the amazing Lou Reed, philosophizing amazingly and straight into the camera about the perils of life in Sweden, his forgotten childhood and why he continues to smoke. On the other hand, certain sketches just never get off the ground. They seem thin and, too often, indulgent. With Harvey Keitel, Lily Tomlin, Madonna, Roseanne, Jim Jarmusch, Michael J. Fox and others. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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## **MIDDLE EAST TV**

14:00 700 Club 14:55 Sanders of the River (1935) – adventure story based on Edgar Wallace's book about a river patrol officer who seeks to restore order when native tribes rebel. Starring Paul Robeson and Leslie Banks 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Earth 2 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 21:30 Star Trek: The next generation 22:20 Father Dowling 23:10 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

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## FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around Hestless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Legal Investment the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 Honor Thy Father and Mother: The True Story of the Menendez Murders (1994). With James Farentino 23:10 Sapphire – Israeli drama series 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing

## MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Trois Hommes et un Couffin (1985, French) - comedy about three men looking after an infant (101 mins.) (pt) 12:15 Last of the Red Hot Lovers (1972) - adaptation of Neil Simon play about a man's various love affairs. With Alan Arkin and Sally Kellerman. (97 mins.) 13:50 See the Stars 14:40 Switching Parents (1992) (rpt) 16:10 Matewan (1987) - drama set in West Virginia coal-mining country during the 1920s in the midst of labor problems (rpt) 18:25 Back Home (1990, British) - (rpt) 20:15 Front Runners - action series 21:00 The Double O Kid (1992) - action film about a young CIA agent in training who winds up fighting a terrorist (89 mins.) 22:35 Hard Ticket To Hawaii (1987) - action film about female undercover agents working on a drug bust (94 mins.) 00:10 Little Fauss and Big Halsy (1970) - Robert Redford and Michael J. Pollard are two motorcycle racers (94 mins.) (rpt) 1:50 The Young Americans (1993) -

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12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo

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Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 \* Money Train@Blue in the Face 5, 7:30, 9:45 \*

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7:30, 9:30 \* Im Lauf der Zeit 7 \* Der Letzte Kosmonaut 10 DIZENGOFF

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## ESECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Cheorae (1989, Italian) - dra-matic comedy about a father visiting his estranged son, a soldier. With Marcello Mastrolanni. (93 mins.) 23:40 Stroszek (1977, West German) - Comic drama about an oddly malched group of German travelers who are disappointed by America. (103 mins.)

## DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Travel Magazine 12:30 Floyd on haly 13:00 Heart of the Matter 14:00 Open University 16:00 Travel Magazine 16:30 Floyd on Italy 17:00 Heart of the Matter 18:00 Open University 20:00 Albanian Journey 21:00 Mozu the Snow Morkey 21:55 Air Combat 22:45 Albanian Journey 23:45 Open University Intel of morning's programs) University (rpt of morning's programs)

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Facing Love 18:00 From Day to Day - chat show 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 International magazine on the arts 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Outstanding Creations 21:00 Blah Blah - joint radio and TV chat show 20:00 Showcase 22:30 Cinema magazine 00:00 Cheeceloup azine 00:00 Closedown

## ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Friends Like These 16:30 Without Secrets 16:52 Top teacher 17:00 Gulliver's Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Jews of North Africa in colonial times 18:30 Second thoughts 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Beginnings 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagnut 21:00 Ferrale Perspective - hosted by Orli Yaniv 21:30 American cinema 22:00 American Cinema 22:30 Moses in Jewish tradition

## SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokew 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today: International Magazine 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Profiles 22:00 Europa 2000 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Sports Magazine 23:30 Horse Racing 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

## **STAR PLUS**

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Yan Can Cook 7:00 Entertainment Tonight 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Yan Can Cook 12:30 El TV::13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00

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## MI CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 High Five — Tel Aviv vs Jerusalem 18:30 English Soccer 19:30 Volleyball
- semi-final playoffs live 20:15
National Soccer League 22:00 South
American Soccer 23:30 Argentine
soccer 00:30 College basketball

## **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Formula 1 - Australian Grand Prix 11:00 Speed World 13:00 Eurogoals 14:00 Hand Ball 16:00 European Snooker League 18:55 Sports News 19:00 Motorcycle Racing 20:00 Boxing 20:55 Sports News 21:00 Sumo wrestling 21:55 Sports News 22:00 ATP Tennis live

## **■ PRIME SPORTS**

6:00 Cricket - World Cup, Quarter Finals 10:30 Cricket - World Cup, Quarter Finals 17:30 Futbol Mundial 18:00 Cricket 18:30 Cricket - World Cup. semi-finals 20:30 Golf 21:30 Show jumping 22:30 Cricket - World Cup, semi-finals 00:30 Fencing 1:00 Futbol Mundial 2:00 Cricket 4:38 Baseball magazine 5:00 Interna-tional Sports Magazine

## BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 Panorama 10:15 Panorama 11:30 Time Tomorrow's World 12:00 Out: BBC Newsdesk 14:15 The Money Prog-ramme 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia & Pacific News 16:25 The Andrew Neil Show 17:15 Panorama 18:30 Food and Drink 19:15 World Business Report 19:30 Time Out: Film '96 22:05 Panorama 23:30 The Clothes Show 00:00 BBC World News and Business Report

## RADIO

## IN VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Moming Concert 9:05 Bach: Cantata no 12; Mozart: Piano con-certo no 9; Beethoven: String quartet in E minor op 59/2; Janacek: choral pieces; Ravel: Piano trio 12:00 Light Classical – classical jazz 13:00 Cellist Jacqueline du Pre – Chopin: Sonata in G minor for cello and piano op 65; Especte Sonata in A for cello and Franck: Sonata in A for cello and piano 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Jesus Echeverria de Miguel (clarinet), Inbal Alexandron (piano). G. Horowitz: Sonatina for clarinet and piano; Penderecki; 3 Miniatures for clarinet and piano; M. Amodé: Sonatina for clarinet and Amoid: Sonatina for clarinet and piano; Martinu: Sonatina for clarinet and piano; Bernstein: Sonata for clar-inet and piano; Echeverria de Miguel: work for clarinet solo 16:00 My Concert - with Yoram Meyuhas 18:00 New CDs - Beethoyen: Sonata no 32 in C minor op 111; Bartok: Piano concerto no 3; Bartok The Miraculous Mandarin; Kodaly: Duo for violin and cello 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - Radio Saarbrücken Symphony Orch. cond. Paavo Berglund.

# CINEMA

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# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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- 13 He acts badly, causing hurt (6) 17 A letter written by some United States Senator (3)

19 Practical individual giving

21 Having no right to attack

soldiers a schedule (7) 20 A creeper to pull up when road-surfacing (7)

the help (3)

- 23 Sound footwork, that's plain (6) 27 Far-seeing, though always in the dark (9)
- 28 Stone table made by poor old men (6)
- 29 Game calling for some backbone (9) 30 Not in a messy state (6)

# midnight in pain (9)

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- 3 He's a bit too smart, is this designer! (6) 4 Put in, but isn't perhaps
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# SOLUTIONS

6 Painting wins over head (9)

7 Fletcher, a man of the

8 People have principles

14 Trips need to be preperly

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16 Plain over-weight ninny (9)

17 Fed-up Greek character (3)

18 Depressed-with some

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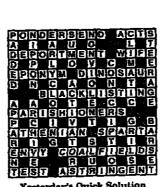
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Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Oliver, 4 Sodden, 7 Hilarious, 9 Sped, 10 Maul, 11 Robot, 13 Tartan, 14 Recess, 15 Cobweb, 17 Astute, 19 Loire, 20 Alaz, 22 Prod, 23 Threefold, 24 Trophy, 25 Logger.

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27 Prior (5)

29 Surround (5)

30 Feeling (7)

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20 Pasture (7) 21 Rapid (5) 23 Command (5) 24 Rock (5) **26** Lifeless (5) 28 Construct (5)

18 Tell (7)

# **Knesset extends** IEC franchise

THE Knesset yesterday easily approved a 10-year extension of the Israel Electric Corp.'s franchise, after Labor MKs overwhelmingly supported the IEC union's demands and opposition MKs largely absented themselves from the vote. The 10-year extension passed 44-

18. supported by Labor, the Arab parties, the National Religious Party and the Mapam faction of Meretz. An alternative proposal by Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor), which would have extended the franchise for only six years, was supported by the rest of Meretz and 10 MKs from the Likud, Tsomet, UTJ, and

The group of Likud Finance Committee MKs which has vociferously opposed the law - Silvan Shalom. Ron Nahman, Meir Sheetrit, and Dan Tichon - did not even bother to show to up. The entire electricity bill, of which the franchise extension was part, passed 45-13, with most of those who opposed the 10-year extension voting against the entire bill in protest. The law will allow private producers to manufacture up to 10 percent of the country's electricity, and will allow another 10% to be imported, but otherwise leaves the IEC's monopoly largely intact for the next 10 years.

However, the final law does include two other major changes introduced by Gal. The most important of these will allow private producers to sell electricity directly to customers, instead of only to the IEC, as the government had proposed. The IEC will transmit the electricity for the private producers, for a fee to be set by a public authority established by the

In a rare move, Meretz and the Likud united to praise Gal for his efforts to change the bill.

**UNITED STATES OF EL AL** 



A one-ton bronze lady by Colombian sculptor Fernando Botero is unloaded yesterday for an exhibition at the Israel Museum in

# Israel sixth lowest in traffic fatalities

ISRAEL ranks sixth on the list of developed countries with the least traffic fatalities, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar revealed yesterday during a special meeting at the President's Residence about the war on traffic accidents.

Ahead of Israel on the list, calculated in terms of the least deaths per 100,000 residents, are Japan, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Sweden, and Norway.

"Despite this positive fact," Kessar said, "we can't remain complacent while more than 500 people die on our highways every year. We cannot continue to pay so high a price."

decade the number of cars on the roads has increased by some 90 percent, 2.5 times more than the increase in population, and that the number of cars per kilometer of road has increased from 59 to

Ministry statistics show that while 20 years ago there were 110 cars for every 1,000 people, today there are 263.

In Tel Aviv, there are 400 cars for every 1,000 people, a figure similar to that in western Europe.

The ministry also reported that last year the police issued some 1.3 million traffic tickets, as Kessar noted that over the last opposed to 836,000 in 1994.

# VCRs may soon be allowed in prisons

PRISONERS may soon be allowed to have VCRs in their cells, according to suggestions made yesterday by Prisons Service commissioner Arve Bibi.

Bibi has appointed a committee to examine the possibility. At prein their cells. If the suggestion is implement-

ed, prisoners would be able to borrow video films from a library. The Prisons Service's decision to consider allowing VCRs was made following repeated petitions by prisoners to the High Court of Justice. The court recommended each wing's club room and not in

# Concern in Mekorot over hydrological imbalance

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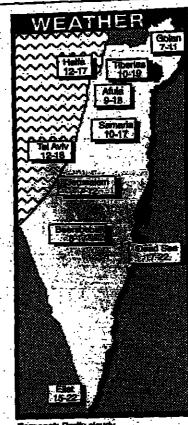
MEKOROT has urged the public to save water and called for quotas of fresh water to farmers to be cut, amid growing concern over deplet-

Rafi Boaz, director of Mekorot's water resources division, said catch-flood reservoirs in the Golan Heights, Upper Galilee, Ha'amakim and Negev, were completely empty, despite last

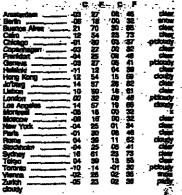
week's rainfall . The precipitation did help raise the level of water in Lake Kinneret by nine centimeters but it is still 1.37 meters below the

maximum mark. Boaz said there was growing concern over the country's hydro-logical balance being harmed if there is no more rainfall this season. This winter the amount of precipitation has been below average, especially in northern and southern regions, and the dry weather in between the rainy spells caused most of the lying water to evaporate.

**Tracing Missing People** 03-613 27 33 24 HOURS



AROUND THE WORLD



## Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the seven of spades, seven of hearts, nine of diamonds and ace of clubs.

# Court returns twins to parents

**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

TEL AVIV Juvenile Court yesterday decided to return to their parents twin babies who had been hospitalized for more than two months following allegations the parents had abused them.

The court ruled, however, that the twins and their parents would have to be under supervision for a three-month period. During this time, they will have to pay regular visits to Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikva, where the babies were hospitalized. They will also be under the

supervision of a social worker. In formulating its decision yes terday, the court said it had accepted the report of a psychiatric expert who found that the parents did not have the traits of parents who abused their children. The parents were detained immediately after they brought the

babies to the hospital in January. However, a medical expert failed to identify the cause of the illnesses suffered by the two three-month-old babies. One twin is suffering from hydrocephalus (fluid on the brain) and the other from broken ribs. They were born by vacuum extraction and put in tensive care.

The source of the broken ribs, attributed by chief government pathologist Dr Hiss to abuse, was not established. However, a senior orthopedic surgeon testified that the broken ribs were a birth

The parents, residents of Petah published since the babies are minors, came to Israel in 1994 from Ukraine. The Zionist Forum decided to pay for their legal costs after becoming convinced they were innocent.

Forum director-general Ariella Ravdal yesterday expressed satisfaction with the decision.



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